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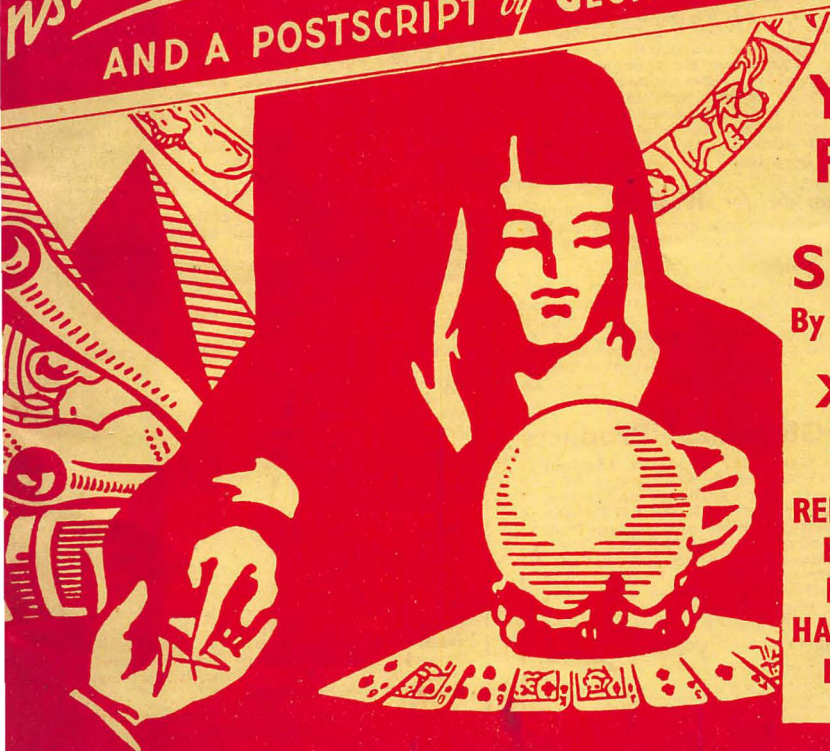
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TELEPATHY**  
AND A POSTSCRIPT *by* **GEORGE BERNARD SHAW**



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PREDICTION, No. 1, February, 1936.

**GOOD**  
Progress  
is being made by the  
London Divining-  
Methods Research  
Group which meets  
at Walton House,  
Walton Street,  
London, S.W.3, on the  
first Wednesday  
afternoon of each  
month.

This society was  
formed to enable  
those who have  
divining gifts to exchange experiences, and to record  
research. It is particularly anxious to prove, by  
means of statistics, the reliability of the methods and  
apparatus used. It is hoped that the results will be  
of help to chemists, pharmacists, farmers, doctors, etc.

A monthly circular gives members information of  
new departures in divining technique. Much of the  
success of the society is due to the enterprise of  
Mr. Noel Macbeth, its Hon. Secretary, who lives at  
Moulsham Millhouse, Chelmsford, Essex.

**MISS ALIS PAUL**, the well known  
astrologer, has been making experi-  
ments with horary astrology—a little practised phase  
of the subject. She confesses that she still has a long  
way to go before equalling the results of William  
Lilley, who pioneered this branch of astrology—and  
who never seems to have been wrong!

Reckoning on her wide professional experience,  
Miss Paul believes that life is three parts destiny, one  
part free will.

**DR. C. E. M. JOAD**, writing in this issue,  
discusses the Soal telepathy experi-  
ments. One of the most successful percipients  
discovered by Dr. S. G. Soal is Mr. Basil Shackleton.  
Unfortunately, Mr. Shackleton is emigrating to  
South Africa—but the tests will not be broken.

With Mr. Shackleton's co-operation, Dr. Soal now  
proposes to try out long-distance telepathy experi-  
ments between England and South Africa. Details  
of a telepathy test for readers of PREDICTION are  
given on page 270.

**SHIRLEY ANDERSON** tells me she  
began the study of Graphology when  
only 15 years old. Then she started comparing the  
handwritings in her mother's correspondence.

The study soon became a constant interest and, in  
due course, she commenced publishing her own  
researches. Her work as a graphologist has led her  
to write books, make films, broadcast and lecture.

She is the wife of Mr. Alexandre Hendricks, a  
well known naturopath.

# OCCULT DIARY

**HERE** is  
the test-  
imony of one who is  
heavily afflicted—  
Helen Keller, the  
deaf and blind author  
who, having been  
cut off from contact  
with this world, has  
found consolation in  
another.

She says: "As I  
wander through the  
dark, encountering  
difficulties, I am  
aware of encouraging  
voices that murmur from the spirit realm. . . .  
Here in the midst of the every-day air, I sense the  
rush of ethereal rains. I am conscious of the splendour  
that binds all things of earth to all things of heaven—  
inured by silence and darkness, I possess the light  
which shall give me vision a thousandfold when  
death sets me free."

**SOME** of the things seen or heard last  
month: Marion, the well-known  
psycho-graphologist, writing his auto-biography. . .  
A book on "Can Survival be Proved?" given to  
the International Youth Centre by Mr. H. J. D. Murton.  
Patrons of the Centre are Lady Violet Bonham Carter  
and Sir Stafford Cripps. . . . R. H. Naylor, recently  
suffered from ill-health, looking and feeling better  
than he has done for years. (See his new Log Book  
feature which begins publication this month) . . .  
The Society of Women Journalists arranging a Quiz  
on astrology. . . . The "Sunday Dispatch" publishing  
a lucid article to prove that the Moon influences  
human, animal and marine life on this planet. . . .  
Famous writers S. P. B. Mais and J. D. Beresford  
joining PREDICTION's corps of distinguished  
contributors. Look for their articles soon. . . .  
Another new organisation—the Society of Meta-  
physicians, formed to study all phases of the Occult.  
(Headquarters at 118, Chancery Lane, London,  
W.C.2.) . . . The British Federation of Astrologers  
agreeing on a code of ethics for professionals. Details  
can be obtained from its energetic Publicity Secretary,  
Mr. Colin Evans, 10, St. Philips Place, London, W.2.

**AND** some of the things read and  
remembered:—Brightest of the new  
magazines, "Fantasy," devoting itself to science  
fiction. First issue contains a novelette on telepathy.  
speculations by Walter Gillings on the possibility  
of life on the Moon and a review of the evidence for  
a planet which blew itself up. . . . Spiritualists  
planning celebrations for the centenary of the  
Spiritualist movement, the foundation of which is  
popularly accredited to the year 1848.

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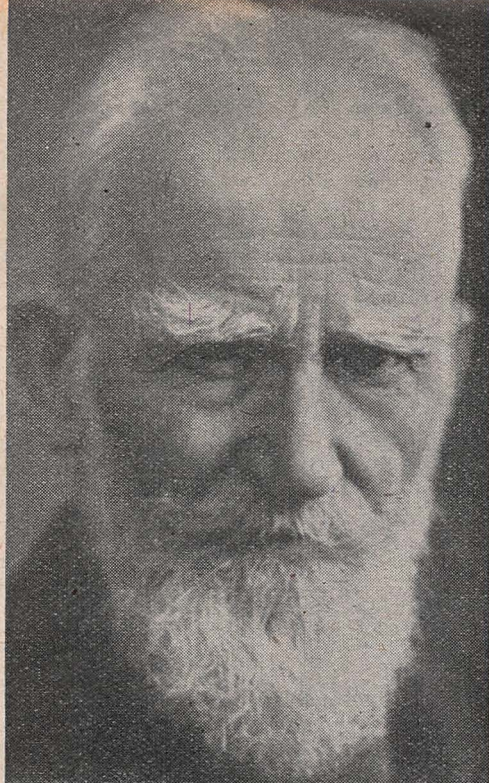
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## Comment by George Bernard Shaw

THE Editor sent an advanced copy of Dr. C. E. M. Joad's article to Mr. George Bernard Shaw, inviting his comments. We received the following reply: "*Mr. Shaw has nothing to add to Dr. Joad's excellent article. He attaches no importance to card tests, but certain personal experiences keep his mind open as to telepathy*".

say 4; A takes up and looks at the fourth card in the row; P, sitting in another room guesses the card at which A is looking, and E.P. verifies the synchronisation of calls and guesses.

Observers, of whom I was one, have from time to time been present to satisfy themselves that the arrangements were fool-proof.

The new and distinctive feature of the experiment is that while P's guesses of the cards simultaneously looked at by A did not vary from chance, he was found to be returning guesses largely in excess of chance in respect of the card about to be looked at by A!

## ARE WE

In other words, if the "lookings" by A are numbered 1, 2, 3 and the guesses by P numbered A,B,C., guess A was in excess of chance in regard to "looking" 2, guess B in regard to "looking" 3 and so on. *In short, P appears to know not what is happening now in A's mind but what is about to happen.*

For the benefit of those interested in statistics, the excess in the case of the "one ahead" guessing is equivalent to 13.6 standard deviations, with odds of more than  $10^{35}$  to 1 against chance.

The rate of guessing for 25 calls varied between the limits of 50 and 80 seconds. When, however, the rate was speeded up, the card in respect of which P's guesses were considerably in excess of chance was not one but two ahead of the card being concentrated upon by A.

Assuming that we may take them at their face value, these experiments raise two important philosophical problems. The first is that of the direct communication between minds raised by any form of telepathy; the second, that of the nature of time. I propose to say something about each of these from the philosophical point of view.

IT seems to me that by far the most interesting event in the sphere of abnormal phenomena—to use the most generic and non-committal form of expression that I can think of—during the last five years, has been the series of experiments conducted in London, in 1943, by S. G. Soal and K. M. Goldney in precognitive telepathy.

They are described in detail in a very full paper which was published by the Society for Psychological Research in December, 1943. The general nature of these experiments is, I imagine, fairly familiar to most readers of PREDICTION, and I will content myself with only a brief survey.

Briefly, the Soal-Goldney experiments follow the Rhine method with certain refinements designed to prevent the possibility not only of fraud but of hyperaesthesia. They are, that is to say, designed to ensure that no abnormal sharpening of the senses, whether of hearing, touch or sight, on the part of the percipient, can be invoked in explanation of the results.

The experiments involved four persons:

- (1) an experimental controller of the agent (designated E.A.)
- (2) the agent (A)
- (3) the controller of the percipient (E.P.)
- (4) the percipient (P)

Five cards, each representing a different animal, are laid out face downwards in a row in front of A; E.A. calls a number at random,

*A telepathy test for readers will take place on Feb. 7th. (See page 270)*



# The Significance of Precognitive Telepathy

As a life-long disciple of Shaw, I have always been particularly attracted by his theory of creative evolution. According to this view, living organisms are individual expressions of a universal force or activity of life, Shaw's Life Force, which creates them in order to further its own evolutionary development.

It is not true, as materialist theories of biology have maintained, that life only evolves through reaction and adaptation to prior changes in its environment. At least, it is true only in the sense that the initiative to adapt is, as it were, taken by the organism itself, so that it operates upon, no less than it is operated upon by, its environment.

This initiative is an expression of the progressive urge of life, driving through its individualised expressions to acquire new powers and faculties. Thus, the giraffe grew its long neck because it *wanted* to reach the more succulent leaves higher up the trees; the birds, wings, because they *wanted* to fly.

This formula for evolutionary development still operates in ourselves; operates in an obvious sense on the physical plane as, for example, when the wrestler creates a roll of muscle on his arm by willing to use it. It operates also on the mental and spiritual planes.

Thus, a twentieth century baby possesses at birth as part of his natural endowment a richer and fuller vital inheritance than the child

and nails — which our bodies now do instinctively without having to think about them. This may be dubious biology, but is it fanciful to see an example of Butler's process in the ease and naturalness with which little children to-day learn to ride bicycles—an art which my father's generation acquired with great labour and tribulation, taking courses of lessons and paying "professional bicyclists" to teach them?

Now, it is a corollary of this view of the nature of the evolutionary process that life throws up sooner or later, in the individual, expressions of itself which are living organisms, those faculties and powers which are necessary to carry it forward on the next stage of its evolutionary journey, a stage which in our case Shaw conceives as a more intense and awakened form of consciousness. In the famous *Back to Methuselah* Pentateuch, Shaw conceives the stage of advance lying immediately ahead on the Life Force's programme, the accomplishment next to be acquired, as the faculty of living longer, pointing out that our bodies begin to wear out and to 'go bad on us' at the very moment when our experience has given us the beginnings of a sufficient wisdom to enable us to live aright and, perhaps, more to the point, to govern our communities aright.

For as the body fails, it drags the mind down with it, and the ailing old men to whom we

## ALL PSYCHICS?

of Neanderthal parents, or even than the child of Neolithic parents.

This initially richer endowment of native aptitudes and talent has been laid up by the accomplishments acquired by the contemporary baby's long line of ancestors, stretching back into the remote past—accomplishments which appear in him as inborn faculties.

Life, in other words, evolves—the formula, by the way, is Samuel Butler's—by means of unconscious memory, in the sense that I can do instinctively things which my ancestors had to learn to do by trial and error, through pain and difficulty, because I have an unconscious racial memory of what they learnt and, having learnt, bequeathed to me.

For example, Butler suggested that we originally had to attend to such operations as circulating our blood and growing our hair

By  
**DR. C. E. M.  
JOAD**





entrust the government of States are too preoccupied with the troubles of their failing bodies to be able to give their fellow men the full benefit of their acquired wisdom.

And so, in *Back to Methuselah*, the ability to live longer begins to crop up spontaneously in random individuals, pioneers of the evolutionary process, much to the embarrassment of those who find themselves inexplicably failing to die.

*What I want to suggest is that an enlargement of faculty even more urgently required is direct communication between minds.* The present arrangement whereby we infer what is going on in another person's mind from the movements of his body, and more particularly, from the sounds which occur in his larynx, is extremely precarious and puts a premium upon hypocrisy and deception.

If we had direct access to one another's minds, falsehood would disappear, deception would be impossible, virtue would be increased and a number of familiar vices would cease to be practicable. There would also, I imagine, be unemployment among diplomats and some statesmen. It is not clear how much polite social intercourse, as we know it to-day, would be able to survive.

On balance, however, I conclude that the result of such an evolutionary advance would be a net gain. I suggest, then, that the experiment which Soal, Rhine and others have carried out more particularly in the realm of telepathy may bear witness to the emergence in a few random individuals of a new vital faculty, the expression of a new thrust forward on the part of the force of evolution, and that it is consciously preparing this faculty as the condition of its own advance beyond the existing level of vital achievement represented by ordinary human intercourse.

If this be so, then the mind-readers may be pioneers pointing to a line of development along which mankind as a whole will ultimately follow them, and their precarious telepathic accomplishments may be the forerunners of a faculty which will one day become the birthright of the whole human race.

I have left myself little space for the presentation of the second philosophical problem, that of time, and none for its discussion. Let me, then, present it as briefly as I can, in the form in which it is raised by the Soal experiments.

It is difficult to see how a future event, the card which A has yet to choose, or, if the phenomenon is to be ascribed to telepathy, the future event in A's mind which is his perception of the card he has yet to choose, can be known unless in some sense this future event exists.

As Plato would put it, you cannot know that which is not. Of course, we do in ordinary life foresee the future; but such foreseeing is no more than inference based on past experience. We have observed that event E has been followed by events F, G, H many times in the past; we are experiencing event E now;

#### TELEPATHY TEST FOR READERS

THE Society for Psychical Research will be conducting an experiment in telepathy on the evening of Friday, 7th February, and has invited the readers of PREDICTION to participate.

For the purpose of this experiment a drawing will be exposed in the library of the Society at 9 p.m. and readers are asked to record any impressions they may receive as to the nature of the drawing.

At 9.30 p.m. a second drawing will be exposed and you are invited to record your impressions of this one also.

Please post your "guesses" to the Research Officer, The Society for Psychical Research, 31, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

In order to assist in the tabulation of the results readers are asked to observe the following rules:

1. Make your "guesses" of the two drawings on separate pieces of paper, numbered 1 and 2 respectively in the top left-hand corner.

Put your name and address in block letters on the top right-hand corner of each sheet.

3. Apart from your number, name and "guess," please write nothing else on these two pieces of paper.

4. Make one attempt only at each drawing.

5. Please do not consult any other person but record your own personal impressions.

Remember the date—February 7th—and send your impressions direct to the Society.

hence, we infer that it will again be followed by events F, G and H in the immediate future. In this sense we may be said to foresee the future events F, G and H before they happen; foreseeing the boiling of the kettle as a result of putting it on the fire, and the breaking of the window as the result of the impact of the stone.

But this is not to know the future; it is to infer the future from the experiences of the present, assuming the continuance of the law of cause and effect. But in the case of the card guessing, there are no past events on which to base our inferences, and the law of cause and effect does not apply. There is, in fact, *no* ground for inferring that one card will be chosen rather than another; no suggestion that there is any casual connection.

Hence, we can only say that the future event appears to be directly known, just as present events are directly known—a fact which, as I have already pointed out, seems to suggest that the future event does already, in some sense, exist.

If some future events exist, it is difficult to see how we can avoid the conclusion that the future exists. If it does, what becomes of free will? The fact that P knows not future events in his own mind but future events in somebody else's mind, provides an interesting complication whose implications it is difficult to gauge.

How a knowledge of future events would serve the purpose of Shaw's Life Force is not clear. It may, however, be the case that creatures on a higher evolutionary level than ourselves might be able to tolerate knowledge which in us would weaken will and sap effort.



# WHITHER RUSSIA ?

## The Man and the People

● Over 20 years ago the teeming, struggling, blundering masses of Russia were groping their way towards the greatest experiment in mass-control the world has ever seen. Tens of millions perished miserably. All political precedents were swept aside. Tradition counted for nothing. A new system whereby the few controlled the many came into being. The U.S.S.R. was born. Since then, fierce and interminable arguments have raged around the Soviet system. Below is an astrological diagnosis and prognosis of Russia's present condition, of special interest in view of the forthcoming conference of the Big Four at Moscow.

**I**F you are a regular reader of PREDICTION you will remember that from soon after the first issue appeared until the present day, constant reference to Russia and Stalin have appeared in the astrological section of PREDICTION. Often I referred to Russia as the "enigmatic colossus" and spoke of "titanic, inscrutable Stalin".

As seen through the eye of the orthodox diplomat, the U.S.S.R. is certainly "enigmatic," for Moscow just can't and won't play the diplomatic game beloved by the old school of diplomacy. The U.S.S.R. is certainly a "colossus." Glance at the map of Asia and Northern Europe. Note the colossal area it embraces: over 8 million square miles, with a population of 193,000,000. More recently both the area and the population have grown. Since the unconditional surrender of Germany on May 8th, 1945, Russia bids fair to dominate the Northern hemisphere politically and economically.

When was Soviet Russia "born"? The event is described in "*The Catastrophe*"—a book written by Kerensky and published in the U.S.A. (Kerensky was a key figure of the early stages of the Russian revolution.)

(Alexander Feodorovich Kerensky was a Russian officer and politician born in 1881. After various political adventures and short terms of office he became chief of provisional Government of five in September 1917. Kerensky was a son of Mars and Uranus.)

Here is the story in Kerensky's own words:—

"It was 11 p.m. (Nov. 7th). How could we in Pskoff know that at that very moment the Winter Palace, where the Provisional Government was sitting, was withstanding the final bombardment and the last attacks of the Bolsheviki? . . .

. . . Only towards the evening of that day (Nov. 8th) in the train, near Luga, did I receive the first report of the capture of the Winter Palace . . . And however difficult, almost hopeless, may have been the position of Petrograd on the morning of November seventh, at the hour of our departure, it still seemed to us improbable that at two o'clock in the morning, on November eighth, the Bolsheviki could already be masters of the Palace and of Staff Headquarters."



At the time, the Sun was in the middle degrees of Scorpio: the Moon was in the last decanate of Leo: Pluto was in Cancer 4°; Neptune in the 8th degree of Leo; Uranus in the 20th degree of Aquarius: Saturn in the 15th degree of Leo: Jupiter in the 10th degree of Gemini, Mars in the 3rd degree of Virgo, Venus in the 2nd degree of Capricorn, Mercury in the 19th degree of Scorpio. Note how Soviet Russia's birth horoscope involves the fateful areas in the fixed signs (especially Scorpio and Leo), to which constant references have been made in these pages.

Uranus, it will be seen, is in opposition to Neptune; the Sun is in quadrature to Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. There is not, and never will be, anything "soft," merciful, yielding or "obliging" about the Soviet regime. But it is destined to change the face of the world, to demolish utterly the bad old order of things; it may be pre-destined to found a better and saner pattern of life for the world's peoples.

So much for the birth of modern Russia and



the astrological portents at the time. Now for the great figure of Stalin, "titanic, inscrutable."

When astrological students try to work out the destiny of a nation, their first business is to consider the horoscope of the head of the State. Now pro-Soviet enthusiasts will tell you that there is no such person as "the ruler of Russia." They maintain that Marshal Stalin is merely the servant of the people and carries out a policy decided upon by the people's Commissars. Maybe! The fact is that all the world has looked upon Josef Stalin as the real ruler of Russia. To the astrological student he certainly is the key figure of the U.S.S.R.

If you are wise enough to keep by you back numbers of PREDICTION, turn to the issue for August 1939. Therein, on p.292, you will find these words:—

*"Josef Stalin was born in Georgia on the 21st December, 1879, when the Sun was in the last degree of Sagittarius, the Moon in Aries close to Saturn. Stalin's hour of birth has never been published: it is known to me but I have no intention of divulging it in order to provide my imitators with still more free material. His horoscope lies on my desk before me as I write these words. An extraordinary chart it is, indicative of a character built with the granite of Saturn, bound together with the steel of Mars, overshadowed with the mystery and magic of Neptune. In that horoscope you may see unique configurations which are a factor common to the birth charts of phenomenal men."*

At birth, Stalin had Mercury and the Sun in Sagittarius, Mercury being in close aspect to Jupiter and Uranus. Thus, the planet of mind (Mercury) was configured with the planet of religion (Jupiter); the Moon (significator of the emotional and psychic self) is also linked up with Jupiter by a parallel of declination. It is not then surprising to learn that at the beginning of his adolescence he was intended for a priest of the Orthodox Church. But it would surprise the average newspaper reader to learn that Stalin once was a novice at an Ecclesiastical Seminary. Whilst there, the great Russian joined up with a group of Marxian revolutionary intellectuals and left the Seminary in a hurry! No doubt one could fill many issues of PREDICTION with his amazing adventures between the age of twenty-two (when the notorious Czarist Secret Police had him on the run) and the great day when he sat solidly in the seat of power at the Kremlin.

At one time Stalin was in our very own London, where he met Lenin who, it is said, christened him Stalin—"the man of steel." In the midst of all this, Stalin loved, married and lost his first wife, who bore him a son. Thirteen times he was imprisoned. Flogged, starved, pursued, he somehow survived (in spite of haemorrhage from a tubercular lung) "a fantastic lone odyssey across the frozen waters of Siberia." Think of the implications. Every man's hand against him, he found his way across one of the most inhospitable stretches of country in the world and won through to his objective.

"As to the fate of his first wife, little information is available. When Stalin was thirty-nine he married

for the second time, a girl of seventeen, who later bore him a son and a daughter.

"The greatness of Stalin as seen by the present world outside Russia and as it will be seen by the world after he has left it, will remain a mysterious thing. Students of astrology will neither envy him his power nor pity him for his sufferings. To them and to future generations of psychologists Stalin will remain an enigmatic colossus; a Frankenstein built from the flesh and blood of a tortured race."

Sceptical know-alls, anxious to discredit astrology and ridicule those who study it, eagerly seized upon my failure to foresee and predict in print (a) the Soviet alliance with Germany early in the war and (b) the date of the Soviet link-up with the Western allies. The very people who cast scorn and abuse at astrology and astrologers regarded it as an event worth talking about when one particular astrologer made a mistake!

But that mistake was a very understandable one. It is beyond the power of one finite human mind to disentangle the complex threads of a great war: to foresee the ebb and flow of the Power Game in close detail. Even the most experienced student of the stars claims only to foresee general probabilities.

TURN again to your back numbers of PREDICTION and you will find these prophecies in my astrological section:—

*"... Russia will share with the United States of America the major part in shaping the world that is to be ... Co-operation between Britain and Russia is problematical, though it might be useful for purposes of political window-dressing." (p.217 June 1939).*

*"... Josef Vissarionovich Stalin, known to the world as Stalin, is one of the three men of genius—call them evil or good as you will—whom posterity will record as the three great men of our age." (p.423 November 1939).*

*"... The international Power Game will be in full blast in 1946. Most successful players thereof will be Soviet Russia and the U.S.A. Don't however get the impression that either of these two great nations is in for a period of unchecked expansion or uncurbed power—though during the early part of 1946 such a probability will appear likely. But later in 1946 the international power landscape will change. It will change radically." (p.232 January 1946).*

It "changed radically" as everybody knows. But as the world travels into 1947 it will change still more radically. That period of change, astrologically, measures to somewhere between December 1946 and August 1947. By the summer or autumn of 1947 Stalin will have reached, or passed, his peak period. Indeed, the probability is that he will no longer play a part in the world's Power Game. According to my own personal judgment and convictions, this mighty personality will have run his course.

It is not for me to express any opinion as to whether he has succeeded in making, or failed to make, the world a better, more prosperous or safer place. But he certainly will have made history on the grand scale.

I should not look for another great personality to arise in Russia for some little time. A certain "wave" characteristic is to be observed in political mutations. Watch the sea from the beach of any holiday resort. You



will see that, in the turmoil of the restless waters, a wave slowly takes shape. Driven on by wind and tide, it sweeps inshore. A long, almost vertical, wall of water grows higher and finally topples over. Following after you will see a long and comparatively gradual slope which tails off into the "trough" of the wave. Symbolically, every major development in human history is analagous to such a wave. One observes a tremendous up-rush of power which quickly reaches peak and then settles down below dead-level with comparative slowness.

**T**HE cycle of events in Russia since 1917 will exhibit such characteristics. First, the surging chaos of the Revolution, building up into a huge wave of power which has not yet quite reached its peak. In the next decade or so the wave will topple over (as it were) and something like normal conditions be restored. But remember the storm that shook the world between 1914 and 1946 was of unprecedented intensity. Not until the end of this century will any single individual or nation be able to echo the worlds of a popular song—

"I know where I'm going  
And I know who's going with me."

Meanwhile, Dictator Stalin will have passed. The U.S.S.R. may have re-orientated politically, will certainly have altered socially and industrially: large areas of Asia will have linked up with the Soviets.

The stars foretell that in the days that are to come, Soviet policy may cause much anxiety to the Western world. It is equally probable that the policy of the political bosses of the West will cause much anxiety to the Soviets. As long as the cynical Power Game is played on the lines it is played at present, recurrent tension is inevitable.

**A**QUARIUS is the ruling sign of Russia, and until the autumn of 1948 Saturn will be in Leo, the opposite sign to Aquarius. It is until late in 1948, therefore, that one could hope that the unceasing manoeuvring for position may clear up somewhat. Looking further ahead, we still have to allow for the position of Pluto—essentially the planet of governance—which will be in Leo very much longer than Saturn. Pluto doesn't leave Leo until about 1970.

Thinking students of astrology who are able to detach themselves from the personal bias, will wisely refrain from "taking sides" in the clash of ideologies which must necessarily occur in the next couple of decades. An observer from another planet would, one feels, find "not a fig to choose" between the different systems of mass-control and exploitation which exist in the world to-day.

As students of the occult, as devotees of astrology, as sane citizens of the world, we are

obliged chiefly to concern ourselves with the common man.

And heaven pity the common man just now, both in Russia and the West! At the present state of scientific and mechanical development, man can travel hundreds of miles an hour, he can speak to his fellow-men across oceans and continents, he can fly round the globe, he can accomplish miracles in the laboratory. Need I continue the list? But, allowing for all these things, we are faced with the appalling fact that the world is short of food, the world's workers are everywhere in the grip of iron tyranny, the various nations slave and starve behind closed frontiers, each cut off from the other.

Twice in three decades the sons—yes, and the daughters—of the common man have been seized and packed off to the abattoirs of war!

**M**ANY books are being written, innumerable articles penned, about the increasing restriction to personal freedom, the growing tyranny of dictatorial Bureaucracy. Yet, oddly enough, the story of the regimented masses is told more convincingly in music than it ever has been in print.

Among the gramophone records on sale to-day is "I Believe"\* (The Creed) sung by the Choir of the Russian Church of the Metropolitan of Paris. Put it on your gramophone turntable and listen. Exercise a little imagination and, in the haunting voice of the perfectly trained tenor soloist, intoning the solemn words of The Creed, you will hear the voice of all humanity. Humanity beseeching the Father of All to free them from their chains! The voice of the soloist rises and falls, sometimes overshadowing and sometimes overshadowed by the surging voices of the magnificent choir. Their sonorous chant, as it rises, falls and works up to a majestic climax, will help you to visualise the voice of humanity as it slaves, suffers, prays and . . . . . hopes.

**T**HE fathers of the early Greek Church knew something. Pity the leaders of modern Russia—and the leaders of the Western nations—who keep themselves and their peoples in ignorance and servitude. Only a sane and inspiring religion can save Russia and save the world. Thus and not otherwise speaks the voice of the stars. Not a religion which is embodied in cast-iron dogmas or based upon tyranny and regimentation, but a religion which bridges the void that at present exists between God and man, between man and God; between common men and their rulers. A sane religion, *only* a sane religion, can save Russia and save the world. Already the night is far spent!

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\* "I Believe" (The Creed).  
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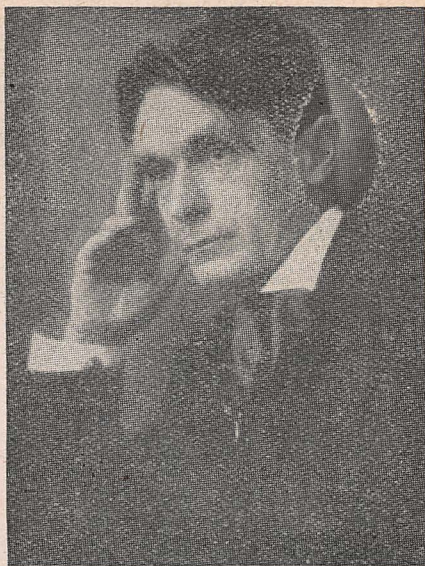
# NEW FRIENDS IN MANY WORLDS

**D**URING our last talk, I visualised humanity standing on the edge of the vast crater of war gazing rather fearfully toward the future. What does it hold for us? Everything! Provided we take the long-term view that we are spirits with worlds to conquer. Far from getting nothing out of the war, our cheerful investment during the last five years in Sacrifice and Suffering, twin pillars of the scriptures, has created karmic assets in the form of a heightened sensitivity to the spiritual universe. We are linking up with other planes of consciousness.

In short, we are on the threshold of a new evolutionary phase, and our discontents and frustrations are due mainly to the fact that we interpret this sensitivity, this new but really very old awareness, in its negative rather than its positive aspect. Our whole future depends on whether we bring this psychic post-war credit into full consciousness. Either it can be used wisely, as a tremendous stimulus towards enlightenment, or it can be dissipated through neglect: the fate of a generation which shirks its opportunities needs no stressing.

**W**HAT must we do? Just as we bring the practical sides of our natures to the building of houses and the planning of new towns, so we must scrutinise the blue-print of our spiritual lives, modify or erase faulty draughtsmanship, and plan for cosmic citizenship. We lack stability because our goals are mostly illusory. We hurry hither and thither, industrious ants, hungry for something that seems beyond our limited perception and which we endeavour to satisfy with spurious compensations.

St. Thomas Aquinas, summed up the ills arising from a materialistic philosophy in a penetrating diagnosis: "The longing for God is man's deepest rational aim." I am reminded of those tremendous words whenever I contemplate the worried faces of football pool



*Rudolf Steiner Book Centre.*

*Rudolf Steiner, the great mystic,  
whose views are quoted in this article.*

winners in the press. We must tune-in to new and more spiritual wave-lengths. Recover our depth-life. In fact, the only hope for civilised man, for some primitive races have not altogether lost it, is to accept the challenge implicit in Wordsworth's vision. "In dignity of being we ascend." A stern reproof yet a summons to combat.

A little psychic experience of my own suggests the need for bold, constructive planning, on new lines. I recall seeing clairvoyantly on many occasions a clergyman, a man of rigid orthodox beliefs and an ardent supporter of missionary societies, who experienced great unhappiness in the astral. He had passed over fully expecting to be met by an angelic choir. To his righteous indignation he was welcomed by a Chinese of great learning who proceeded to instruct him. It took this clergyman two years of our earth-time to get his bearings. Now he is a missionary in the dark spheres; so is a famous Jesuit preacher, whom I knew well in his Farm Street days.

**C**LEARLY this is an ironic parable for the times. Let us review the past and endeavour to profit from our mistakes. The history of the last hundred years has been a turning away from the spiritual conception of life. Success in trade and colonial government implanted in us a wholly unwarranted sense of superiority, contempt for philosophies alien to our growing materialism. With a good natured shrug of our shoulders we banged the door on the great



library of eastern wisdom. To tamper with spiritual law is perilous. Insensibly we began to shrivel, for we had substituted a mechanical rhythm of life for rhythmical living in tune with universal law, and our spirits like flowers left carelessly in a vase began to wither. Outwardly we were extremely prosperous. Test matches drew enormous crowds, tennis flourished at Wimbledon, and the cinemas were packed. But the process of spirit starvation, like the hidden work of a grub in an apparently sound apple, was already far gone, the popular pre-occupation with sex illustrating the wasting nature of the disease, and two world wars, the tilting of the karmic scales, came as a warning and retribution. Also as a means to salvation. Humanity was offered its last chance and took it.

**E**CKHART, the great Christian mystic, wrote: "God expects one thing of you and that is that you should come out of yourself." During the bitter years of the last war we came out of ourselves. Many of us looked over our suburban fences for the first time to show compassion to a neighbour, many of us felt for the first time the joyous spirit of brotherhood which made class distinctions meaningless on the dark nights of the raids, and many of us felt for the first time the poignard of suffering pierce our hearts. We sacrificed and suffered. There is a gratuity waiting for us in the currency of the spheres.

But its collection is not going to be easy. We cannot expect to make an evolutionary advance unless our spiritual base is secure. In short, we are faced with the greatest challenge to private industry in history. For let us honestly admit that in almost every case our spiritual homes are partial ruins, the floors are unsafe owing to the dry-rot of apathy, the windows are broken and boarded up with the stout timber of prejudice, and everywhere there is the debris of muddled thinking and no thinking at all. There is no government

subsidy or official plan. And although we can help one another with kindly counsel and words of encouragement, and there are noble plans for our guidance in the great scriptures if only we will follow them with unfettered minds, we must each build our homes with our own toil and sweat. Build them so that the sunlight of spirit pours into every room. Then we shall begin to grow.

The process of re-building is called Meditation which is something quite different from pious day-dreaming. Nor has it anything to do with sitting uncomfortably like a fakir on a bed of nails! No doubt you have often watched a child playing bricks on the nursery floor; noted its intense pre-occupation, the grave deliberation with which brick is placed on brick. Well, that is what we have to do; put aside pride, sophistication, and, simply and humbly, set to work like children to build our spiritual homes anew. As in all building operations, the first thing we have to do is to clear the site by slowly and methodically examining our fears and passions, evasions and indulgences, with a mind concentrated like the beam of a searchlight. Religious beliefs, or disbelief, should be analysed fearlessly and systematically.

**M**UCH of our indifference to religion is due to the fact that its venerable phraseology passes like an escalator over minds numbed by familiarity. "Feel a point too often and it becomes blunt." We should try to get a new angle on the old truths. In our struggle towards self-realisation, every damaged brick should be replaced by positive bricks of right thinking and right planning. Of course there are books to help us—the Bhagavadgita, the Dhammapada and the works of the great Christian mystics; especially valuable is "Concentration and Meditation" published by the Buddhist Society.

In a short article it is impossible to describe meditation in greater detail; one can only

● *This is the second of a series on the present world crisis as seen by a well-known writer and mystic. Francis Sandwith, formerly a newspaper leader writer, has psychic gifts which have been tested by scientists. He is impressed by the urgent need of vision at this critical juncture in history and in these articles he is aiming to show how the average man and woman can acquire it—to save themselves and the world from disaster.*

**BY**

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point the road, and next month I hope to show just what a very practical thing it is. Although it sounds dry and forbidding, and requires much hard and persistent effort, there are fascinating compensations. For building your *real* home is a much greater adventure than building a suburban home. Rudolf Steiner, the great modern mystic wrote: "Perseverance in meditation will gradually bring us into touch with new worlds." Although you may not be able to watch the building of your new home, other people can. Just when you have discovered that spiritual brick-laying is purgative work and feel that a one-man strike would be a fashionable gesture, a spirit visitor will enter. I am inclined to be self-distrustful and over-critical so I did not see my first guest—for one should regard all visitors as guests and not coldly as phenomena—for nearly two years, and when he came the sudden light of his presence brought new courage and significance to life. The imagination is a tremendous bogey to the cynical and distrustful, so don't be afraid to give it reasonable play. Sceptics are very much like motorists driving along a main road with the brakes on, and I sometimes think psychical research workers would be more successful if they were not so afraid of being deceived. The imagination is just as much a part of the keyboard of the mind as the critical faculties. In all things tread the middle way.

In spiritual matters there is always an impish element of paradox; proof comes in unexpected ways. In using your karmic capital and tuning-in to the wave-lengths of the higher consciousness you are literally putting on the "new man", the atomic structure of spirit is undergoing a subtle transformation, and instead of being negative and feeling as lonely as a fly stranded in the middle of a by-pass road you are positive and attract new friends in many worlds. Your aura is charged with spiritual magnetism and a transcending significance. I remember attending a meeting at the Kingsway Hall and watching the aura of a famous man gradually expand, as he warmed to his speech, until it conveyed healing and courage to a great audience. As I sat entranced by this lovely spectacle I thought of Blake's words:

"Everything that lives,  
lives not alone, nor for itself."

No, we do not live unto ourselves alone. Surely it is our urgent task to shift the debris from our lives, change the emphasis from "doing" to "being," so that, in the words of a great Quaker, we become "channels through which rivers of compassion flow to irrigate desolate hearts in a wasted world." It is an inspiring vision. So let us reach for the trowel of courage and the mortar of faith—and begin steadily to *build*!

**Next Month : Building  
Your True Self**

## LONDON MEETING PLACES—I

### The Astrological Lodge

ONE sunny evening, in July, 1915, whilst the first world-war was in full progress, the late Alan Leo laid the foundation-stone of what was to be, apart from his books, his most enduring work. He founded the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

As the editor of "Modern Astrology," he had already founded a society and an institute, but these did not last for long. In fact, the body of students who clustered round Leo in his lifetime soon dispersed after his death in 1917.

But the Astrological Lodge, after struggling through the 1914-1918 war as a mere handful of students, grew rapidly in the nineteen twenties, under its President, Mr. C. E. O. Carter, who has been throughout supported by a body of devoted fellow-workers. Now the active membership exceeds 200.

IN 1924 the Lodge moved to its present quarters, No. 6, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, where crowded meetings are held every Monday in session in the dignified quietude of the Hall of the Art-Workers Guild. First there is an instruction class, taken by Mrs. Sudbury Hurren, a well-known lecturer and teacher, and then there is a public meeting, and both are free to all. After a social interval, a members' meeting is held for more technical work.

There is an excellent library and a bookstall. The quarterly journal "Astrology," started in 1926, spreads the work of the Lodge over many lands.

WHEN asked about the Lodge, which has just celebrated its 31st anniversary, Mr. Carter said its success could be ascribed to a few principles which had always been strictly observed. Firstly, it had stuck consistently to Astrology, but, within that field, it had encouraged the expression of every sincere opinion and no officer had ever tried to pose as an "authority" or to suppress opinions that he did not personally accept.

Secondly, over-emphasis on the personal element was discouraged. "Novices," said Mr. Carter, "are often a little apt to be engrossed in their own maps, but it is better for them to outgrow this habit and take a wider view of the science."

The higher aspects of Astrology are not neglected, for there is a beautiful Lodge ritual, which has now been celebrated at Easter and Christmas with almost unbroken regularity for many years.

QUESTIONED as to the attitude of the Lodge towards professional astrology, the President said that really there was none, in any formal sense. The need for a body of competent and honourable practitioners was recognised and within the Lodge there was no differentiation between amateurs and professionals; but the purpose of the Lodge was to teach. He thought its ideal could be summed up in the words of a great poet who was also an astrologer—those used by Geoffrey Chaucer of the Oxford student: "Gladly would he learn, and gladly teach."

"We want," he said, "to learn all we can, and then to give it out for the good of all. Astrology truly understood, is a great unifier; it should teach us that we are all basically much alike, actuated by similar motives and faced with the same sort of problems, though superficially they may seem quite different. So why quarrel? At all events, we don't in the Lodge. There is far too much interesting work to be done!"



## NOTES HIDDEN IN GRAMOPHONE

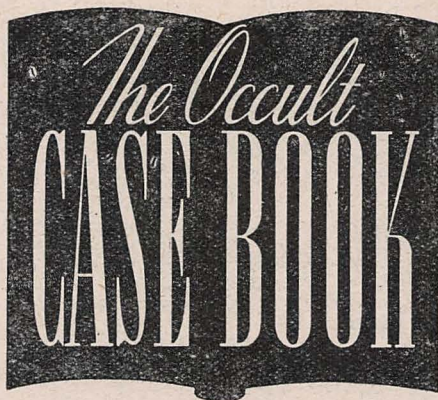
On at least four occasions in the last few months I have lost money in the following way. I have saved three or four pounds, and not being in immediate need of them, put the notes in a drawer, which I have locked; or I have sometimes carried the notes in a separate purse in my pocket, to pay an electric light bill or something similar. When going to use this money I've found one note missing out of three or four folded tightly together. There is no question of carelessness or miscalculation on my part, as I have asked my wife to check the amount beforehand. Only one note goes at a time, which is quite enough. Once I put some money in an old gramophone which I locked and placed a heavy tool box on top; a note was missing when later I came to count them. Nobody but myself knew where the money was or could have got at it without taking the gramophone to pieces. Any-one from outside the house would hardly take one note and leave two, as there could be no more risk in stealing three than a single one.—M.A.N., Thornton Heath.

THESE disappearances of money are certainly very mysterious, but I do not think that you can put them down to anything of a psychic nature. I should say that you are being robbed by some dishonest person who has admission to your house and access to your property. Your argument that no one would take one note and leave two, because the risk in stealing three notes would be no greater, does not seem to me sound; for the thief might well think you would overlook the loss of one but be bound to notice that of a number. With regard to the gramophone incident, you may have been seen hiding the money in it. Not being a skilled cracksman myself, I cannot solve the secondary problem as to how the gramophone was broken into. I do not know what you can do to prevent this inroad on your pocket except to set a trap for the thief.

## AURIC COLOURS

Frequently I can see different colours around the bodies of people; this happens especially when I am watching actors on the stage. My mother, who is Welsh, has upon several occasions seen those who have passed over.—M.R.M., Tottenham.

THE colours you observe are those of the human



By FRANK LIND

aura; which, as you are probably aware, alter with the individuals' emotions. A pale blue to pale grey is normally the hue of the outermost aura; and as Oscar Bagnall, who carried on the work begun by the late Dr. Kilner, has proved by repeated experiment, "The better the intellect of the subject, the bluer the haze." Red indicates fiery feeling or passion; pink, mild affection; dark orange yellow, profound thought; dull brown, depression. Evidently you are to some extent clairvoyant. Psychic faculties are very often inherited, so it is more than likely that you have had this gift handed on to you by your mother.

## PROTECTIVE RUBY

I was born on March 26th, and understand that the diamond is my correct birthday-stone, but I have found it most unlucky, so has a friend of mine. Is there any other gem that may be more fortunate for me, a native of Aries; one which I can wear on the first finger of my

right hand?—A.K., Cambridge.

SINCE you have found the diamond so unlucky, you might try the effect of the ruby; or Brazilian-amethyst. There was an old belief that the ruby (or red sapphire) warned the wearer of impending danger by darkening in colour, and that when the evil influence had passed it regained its bright red hue. It was also said to discover the presence of poison; in, I suppose, a similar manner. Furthermore, according to the ancients it banished depression, as well as various forms of sin and vice. The red sapphire variety is susceptible of electricity by friction

## MINDS THAT THINK ALIKE

Often when I have voiced a thought to someone, I have received the response "That's just what I was thinking," although there had been no introductory remarks leading up to my utterance. Is it possible to transmit a thought or suggestion deliberately to a person not in one's presence?—N.E.G., Bishop Auckland.

WHERE there is a natural parallelism of kindred minds thought-transference may be achieved, to some extent, by the intention of one or both parties. "By the magic power of the will," wrote Paracelsus, "a person on this side of the ocean may make a person on the other side hear what is said on this side."

Read the article on telepathy next month.



## SYMBOL OF BEETLE

*I have visited a crystal-gazer once or twice, and last time she said, staring as though fascinated: "What is that on your right hand? Why, it is a beetle!" When I asked her what it meant, all she could tell me was that it was a good sign—I.M., Southport.*

IT is impossible to say with certainty what the symbol indicated without knowing the exact type of beetle; but insects as a whole are not held to be a good omen. A cockchafer, for instance, would in all probability be a warning of business troubles, according to the popular notion. But if what was referred to was a scarab, then the symbol might have intimated a new lease of life for you and fresh creative activity of some kind. For the beetle, *Scarabaeus sacer*, was associated by the ancient Egyptians with Khepera, their god of vitality and creative energy. The crystal-gazer should have been able to explain to you the meaning of what she saw.

## A SUBCONSCIOUS RECOLLECTION

*This morning three copies of the American magazine "Life" arrived by post. To my amazement I realised that I had seen each one before; I recognised the pictures, etc.—D.M.F., S.W.7.*

THE most reasonable solution of your little problem is that you *had* seen the copies before somewhere and quite forgotten having done so; perhaps you had glanced at them in a friend's house, or you may have turned over the pages of them in some public library. You could have received knowledge of the contents of one or other of the issues of the magazine telepathically from the sender; it seems most unlikely, however, that you should have done so as to all three of them.

## BOOKS ON WATER DIVINING

*Kindly give me all particulars as to works on dowsing, a subject in which I am much interested.—H.R.C., Bristol.*

HERE is a short list of books any one of which will well repay your study. *The Physics of the Divining Rod*, by J. Cecil Maby and T. Bedford Franklin (Bell, 21/-). *Dowsing*, by Captain W. H. Trinder; to be obtained from the British Society of Dowsters, York House, Portugal Street, London, W.C.2. The price of this work is approximately 5/-. *Water Diviners and their Methods*, by H. Mager (translation): Bell, 16/-. *The Modern Dowser*, by Le Vicomte Henry de France (translation): Bell, 4/6. *Water Divining*, by Theodore Besterman (Methuen, 7/6). *The Art of Water Finding*, by M. E. Pogson: obtainable from the President of the British Society of Dowsters: price 1/8. Also you might join The London Divining Research Group, which meets at Walton House, Walton Street, S.W.3. Its Hon. Secretary is Noel Macbeath, Moulsham Mill House, Chelmsford.

# HAVE WE

REINCARNATION is a fact. Abundant proof has convinced the world's greatest thinkers. Circumstantial evidence can be examined by any student to-day.

REINCARNATION is balanced by Exarnation, or death. Everyone must be born, everyone must eventually die. Each separate life is like a day at school. Finally comes the last day of term, when lessons are finished. In between, we sleep and wake. The body perishes, the soul goes on.

CHRISTIANITY is the only modern religion that does not make Reincarnation prominent in its teaching. Origen believed and taught this doctrine; but when Constantine made the system into a state religion, it was decided not to teach the truths about Reincarnation so as to make people concentrate on one life.

BUDDHISM and Brahmanism alike are based on the twin system of Reincarnation and Karma. The world is seen as a place of work and effort—to learn what the world is about and to master it.

ALL great poets know or feel intuitively this great fact of Existence. Says Edmund Spenser the Elizabethan singer:

"For of the soul the body form doth take,  
For soul is form and doth the body make."

REINCARNATION is affirmed by seven powerful arguments:

1. Our own sense of continuity demands it, to complete Life.
2. Every analogy of reason requires it, for solutions.

## OCCULT ORGANISATIONS

*Could you enable me to contact some official organisation in occult and Spiritualistic study? I should be much obliged.—P.F.W., Manchester.*

THE organisation which adopts the most sceptical outlook, and whose findings are because of this the more valuable, is the Society for Psychical Research, the address of which is 31, Tavistock Square, London. On the purely Spiritualistic side, I strongly recommend the London Spiritualist Alliance, 16, Queensbury Place, S.W.7. Here again the attitude is one of careful enquiry, but unlike the S.P.R., this society has made up its mind about Spiritualism and does support the claim as to proven survival. Another excellent psychical society is the Institute for Experimental Metaphysics, of Walton House, Walton Street, S.W.3. With regard to Astrology the nearest approach is the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society, 50, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.



# LIVED BEFORE?

3. The most rigid science confirms it by evidence.
4. The nature of the soul itself assures us of its necessity.
5. Reincarnation alone explains "original sin" and original virtue.
6. It alone can explain many personal experiences; young prodigies, etc.
7. Reincarnation (with Karma) alone can explain injustice and misery.

THE single body that we live in, continually changes. None of us possess the same body material we used before the war. Before, our eyes, hair grows, skin is shed, nails are cut. Our young bodies expand to maturity; they change; but the inner Ego always remains, remembers and anticipates. We live in an ever changing body, as we live in an ever changing city; people come and go; but the city also changes at a slower rate.

SCHOPENHAUER expounded the idea in his "World as Will and Idea." Plato of Athens continually stated some facts about Reincarnation in his great books. Before him, Pythagoras merged it with his System of Number. Erasmus and Henry More upheld the facts. Paracelsus and Boehme and Swedenborg all taught it. So did Shelley and R. W. Emerson.

SOME people deny Reincarnation because they do not remember their own past lives. They cannot remember what they had for dinner one month ago—but the dinner did them some good. We cannot remember every film, every

football match, every holiday afternoon—but they all contribute to build the mental form of our mind. We cannot remember ever having learned to walk, or to talk—but we have the ability! The truth is that we take the essence of each day and hour—and leave the rest.

REINCARNATION is the sole upholder of divine justice. To admit one life of war and misery as the only life, is obvious nonsense, as to imagine only one day at school. We come and we depart—we are kings and slaves, or men and women, in turn. All of them live and die, and are forgotten even by "History." Who can tell the names of all the great rulers of Babylon? Who knows their slaves? What does it matter, for we are them, returned, wiser and more experienced?

REINCARNATION is the fundamental basis of all Nature. Every form is developed from an invisible seed; it develops and matures, collecting both Energy and Substance. So do we; for that is Life—eternal Change. Neither Substance nor Energy is lost; nor is the Idea the Ego, which held them together to use.

EVEN those religions which neglect Reincarnation in their popular teachings, yet maintain it in symbolism for private instruction. The Jews have their Kabbalah; the Christians the Sacred Tree of Jesse; and some Moslem sects tell of a search in the Garden of Allah.

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## PREMONITORY DREAM

*After closing my grocery shop, I fell asleep and dreamt that my brother, who lives five miles away, came into the room, saying "I'm not going home any more." As he rushed past me up the stairs, he said "It is all right; they died peacefully, and they only spoke once." My mother, who is in the spirit, stood at the back of him; but she never spoke. Two days afterwards, my nephew met with a fatal accident.—P.B., Stockport.*

THIS dream was evidently a premonitory one, and its purpose to break gently to you the approaching death of your nephew; but your mind had been dwelling upon your brother just before you fell asleep, so the message got mixed up with a dream fantasy. Those on the Other Side may be aware prior to ourselves of the passing of someone dear to us; thus while they are waiting, and preparing for, the arrival of the newcomer in their midst, they endeavour upon occasion to provide us with some intimation of the coming event by way of softening the blow.

## HELPFUL BIRTHDATE

*Why is it that clairvoyants and psychometrists require the birthdate? This seems to be Astrology under cover. —F.V., Kent.*

THERE is, in fact, no need for a person not using Astrology or Numerology to have the birthdate for a reading. But some psychics do supplement their intuitive impressions with information from Astrology or Numerology.

## PSYCHIC CELTS

*I wonder why it is that people gifted with "second sight" so often hail from certain parts of the British Isles; such as Cornwall, the Highlands, and Ireland.—Same Correspondent.*

THE Cornish, Welsh, Irish, Manx, and Gaelic of the British Isles are said to be among the oldest among the Aryan races; which may account, in some measure, for so many individuals of this strain still retaining supernatural powers which were in more common manifestation among primitive peoples. I hardly need state that, more often than not, psychic gifts are inherited.



**I**N the scale of evolution the nearest approach to any human hands occurs in the smaller apes and, finally, we find it more fully developed in the chimpanzee and gorilla. It has been said that if there is anything in this hand reading, it should be possible to read the hands of any of the higher anthropoids. The man who wrote those words did not realise that it is possible to 'read' such a hand! But you find the psychological pattern of the beast and the hands of the anthropoids, are as individualistic as are the hands of the lord of the earth, *Homo sapiens*.

Fingers are very important in the scientific study of the hand. They show characteristic tendencies. They are indicative of procedure, of method. For example, one person will think slowly, another quickly. One will base his judgments on reasoning, another on intuition.

In Fig. 1 you have a typical example of the thoughtful, rather analytical type of finger. Here the fingers are long and slightly waisted. Such fingers belong to people quick to assimilate detail, but slow and painstaking in making conclusions. They live in the world of exactitude.

This analytical type of finger on a hand showing a long straight Head line (which is a calculative Head line) would reveal an exactitude that would be exasperating.

In Fig. 2 you have an example of the more intuitive type of finger. These fingers are short, indicating quickness and impatience. The bases of the fingers are broad. This betrays an intuitive faculty. Such people think things out half-way—and then rather jump to conclusions.

Nearly all the primitive hands possess rather short fingers, and the top phalange is a short blob showing a very practical and materialistic mind.

In Fig. 3 are fingers that are mid-way between the very analytical and the very intuitive. They are long, showing a definite thoughtful disposition of mind. The first finger shows a definite fleshiness of its base phalange, and this betrays an intuitive element.

These people take a balanced and reasoned outlook. They stand very much in the middle of the way.

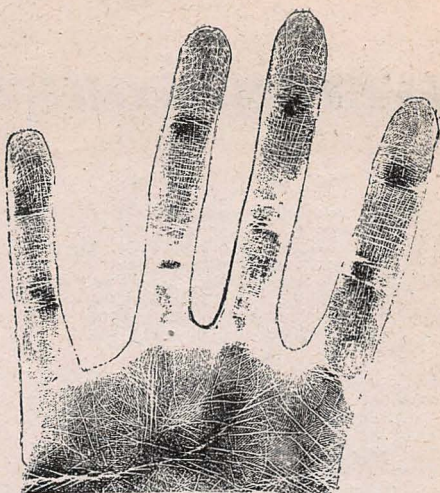


Fig. 1

# YOU—

**T**HE fingers individually are of some importance. The first finger, which is known as the finger of Jupiter, is supposed to be the power finger. It certainly does betray what I would term a 'basic motivation attitude.' In other words, what is the general attitude of the individual towards life? Has he an attitude of inferiority—or superiority? Does he doubt himself or has he faith in himself?

In Fig. 1 you will observe that the first finger is very much shorter than the third. This shows an inferiority attitude. The great danger in these people is that they adopt too defeatist and defensive an attitude to life generally.

In Fig. 3 we find that the first finger is longer than the third, and nearly as long as the second. This is symptomatic of a superiority attitude.

Whenever the first finger is as long as the second it betrays a superiority attitude that becomes dogmatic and aggressive.

The second finger is always a dominant finger and should it bend or become slightly twisted, it betrays some twist in the basic pattern. But its indications are not as important as those of the first.

The third finger, Apollo, is thought to betray a love of the arts, of beauty, of luxury. From our point of view, its major value is in the way it is set on the hand. Should it curve

## PREDICTION ANNUAL

No further orders can now be accepted for the PREDICTION ANNUAL, which is completely sold out. Owing to the paper restrictions it was impossible to increase the size of the Annual or to add to the quantity printed, but it is hoped to publish a much larger edition for 1948. Publication for 1947 was delayed, but the 1948 Annual will be out in the autumn of this year. Full details will be announced in due course.

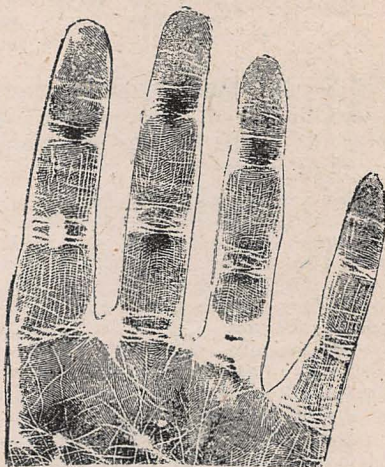
# THE HAND OF





**Left** (Fig. 4.) Does your hand belong to the intuitive type as illustrated here? Note the short fingers, broad bases.

**Below** (Fig. 3) is illustrated the more thoughtful type of hand—note the long fingers, and the strength of the first finger in particular.



## To Your Finger-tips!

inwards towards the second finger, it shows a definite defensive attitude. In Fig. 2 there is this slight inward curving. Should the finger be abnormally long, rather thin and very straight, it indicates a predisposition to 'take chances.' Such people view life as one gigantic speculation.

The fourth finger, the finger of Mercury, betrays what the planetary label implies: quickness of wit, perception, expression.

Where the little finger is long and thin, as in Fig. 1, great fluency of expression is indicated. These people talk well. But when the fourth finger is short, as in Fig. 2, it indicates a more studied fluency—expression is more inhibited, more controlled. Should this fourth finger curve inwards towards the third, it betrays great tact and diplomacy.

Should the fourth and third fingers *both* curve towards the second, then diplomacy is allied to defensive procedures, and a cunning diplomatic calculative element is disclosed.

In considering vocational ability the fingers are important. All trades that demand great care over detail and a meticulous attitude demand long fingers. All occupations demanding quickness of perception, insight as well as foresight, belong to the short-fingered people.

**T**HE short-fingered people are the people who show a more effective initiative: they are the people who get things done in the world.

The long-fingered people, particularly in the case of the long thin hand, with long thin fingers, are the talkers.

We can learn quite a lot from the fingers of criminals. For example, the pickpocket, or petty sneak-thief, has short fingers because quickness is essential to his "trade." Robbery with violence belongs to criminals with short primitive fingers. The forger and black-mailer, whose crime demands premeditation and forethought, has long fingers.

In the more normal activities of human life the accountant and the electrical engineer, belong to the long-fingered group. The physician and the creative artist are found in the short-fingered group.

Having established the meaning of the particular type of fingers possessed by the hand, we must bear in mind the tendencies betrayed by the Head line. For the Head line shows the actual way in which the mind works: the fingers give us an idea of speed and method.

Where the Head line is long and straight or slightly curving downwards, and the fingers are long, the mental processes are thoughtful and slow. Such people will wait and consider. But if the fingers are short, the mental procedure is accelerated.

**DESTINY - - By NOEL JAQUIN**



## By EVA BARRATT

In this issue Dr. Joad speculates on the development of Telepathy in the future, when the gift may become a common faculty. Here Eva Barratt takes up the theme by introducing a lady already famous for her telepathic powers, and tells the remarkable story of her mediumship.

"IN the future your Telegraph Offices will close down," said Madame Lotte Plaat, the famous medium, to me.

"We shall sit down—quieten our minds—concentrate on our friends—and send our own messages. Mind will speak directly to mind—though oceans apart. And what is more: I believe this power of communication will lead to Universal Peace. Man will know and understand man. Our little kindergarten systems of letters and signs will have served their day. It has carried us over the first step that will bring man, through a hard road to Universal Brotherhood."

"To-day," she added, "the whole world has been explored. Our New World is just beginning to explore the unscratched mental and spiritual forces. The upheaval of the world to-day and the upheaval of consciousness is one and the same thing."

Madame Lotte Plaat (Baroness von Stahl) is the daughter of the Dutch Consul at Oldenburg. She has recently returned to South Africa after spending a few months demonstrating her wonderful gift in London. The greater part of this war she has been in South Africa, and like us, has passed through very deep waters. For her young and only son was killed last year, fighting for the Dutch against the Japs in Java. Her young daughter, has been enduring the greatest severities in Madame Plaat's home in Holland. Her mother died there last year.

Tall—she is over six feet, a fine upright carriage—with lovely luminous eyes—X-ray eyes they are called by the newspapers, with masses of dark hair, she is blessed with that gracious gift of charm in over-flowing measure.

Highly cultured, speaking no less than eight languages, she is one of the finest Ambassadors as a medium. For in this way she can pour out her gifts in their own languages, to most races under the sun. She has travelled widely. She has been tested by doctors and scientists in Holland, the Scandinavian countries, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Greece, France, New York, South America, Mexico, the West Indies.

Books have been written about her in Holland, Germany and France, though they have not yet been published in the English language.

In Paris she gave many tests to the well-known Dr. Osty, and was even called into the

assistance of the French secret police in tracing some forgeries.

Prof. Hans Driesch, the famous German philosopher, who died in this war, has also written about her and tested her powers in full.

When visiting England for two years before this war, she was called in to work with Sir Oliver Lodge, also with Harry Price, and gave many tests under the care of Mrs. Hewat McKenzie, the well-known Principal of the British College of Psychic Science, in London.

Psychometry is her special gift. It has been used and tested more than her clairvoyance and clairaudience.

"Psychometry is the science of sensing," she said to me. "It is a sixth sense that few of us have troubled so far to develop. It is amazing to me that so little work has been done in a field where research has proved so rich and far reaching. Psychometry, perhaps I should explain, is a certain power which enables sensitive people to divine the history and events connected with some material article, be it a stone from some old building, a bit of old family jewellery, some old bone, or an old tooth from some prehistoric site, etc.

It seems to me that I work by radiation, she continued. Perhaps I can put it most simply by saying that every thought that we give out is a definite living thing. These thoughts vibrate, radiate round us and form a definite field of radiation called usually the "aura." These thoughts, these rays penetrate the clothes we wear, the articles we touch in daily life, and I have to tune in to the vibration or radiation that the article gives off.

Try it for yourself. Hold the article lightly, in silence.

Suppose I hold an old family ring—the article to me comes alive. It relates its own story. It is a doorway by which I enter a New World. The drama of its history begins to be enacted before my eyes—a set of pictures, cinema-like sometimes. One must catch quickly the sensations, the movement, the people, that pass before one.

Do you know I sometimes think the television sets of the future will show us the past events that have been impressed upon the ether? We shall see Queen Victoria in her youthful beauty at her Coronation—perhaps Napoleon looking down on Waterloo, and such scenes. We already know that no sound is lost in the ether. Somewhere in the vast spaces



of the Heavens there is still the clashing of ice in the ice ages, and the sound of battering rams on the walls of long forgotten cities.

I have psychometrised objects that have been buried hundreds of years ago, and could see the artisan who fashioned them—the King who proudly wore them, and his ornate Palaces. Many a time I have worked for archaeologists and have supplied the missing link.

But I must frankly own there is one puzzling side to my gift. I don't want to see the future. For so many of us there is plenty of trouble to face in this life. But sometimes I cannot help it. The object I hold in my hand is a key which opens both the past and the future.

There is one place in London I cannot visit with pleasure even though I am now a British subject. Its contents are simply shouting their histories to me. It is the British Museum...

Laughingly she added: "And when I enter the Egyptian room, there seem to be voices shouting at me—'stolen! stolen!'"

"Once I remember I was given a piece of stone. I knew nothing of it, where it came from. But after I had described the noise of battles, the attacking Roman soldiers, their round shields and spears, I was told it came from Carthage.

"Then a friend sent me a box of bones to psychometrisc. They were those of an old Abbot of the 14th century. He wrote books and lived in an old Abbey. Then I took up another of the bones. And what do you think this friend had done to test and tease me? He had put in a bone from a cow!

"I remember a lady who lost her dog. She brought me the dog collar to try and find him. As soon as I held it I felt a terrible pain in my left side. I knew instantly the dog had been run over by a motor car. It died with several broken ribs and was thrown into the river.

The dog wore no collar when this happened."

"Can you use your gift for diagnosis in illness?" I asked.

"Yes, even when I walk behind people in the street I can diagnose their condition of health, and see the scars of the operations they have had. Then, on occasions, when listening to the wireless, I have picked up the health condition of the broadcaster."

"You tell me that this gift is open to all to practise. What simple method would you suggest to beginners?" I enquired.

"Well—I would again point out that *everyone* has Psychometrical gifts. It is not for a few gifted people. We all have the five senses, and sensing is one of the undeveloped ones—but which can be developed by all.

"You want sensitiveness, development, training, as in other studies we take up.

(1) The room should be warm. The articles you wish to experiment with must not be nearer than 6 inches to each other, or the vibrations might get mixed.

(2) Relax first in an easy chair for thirty minutes. Also relax the mind. It is extraordinary how we can release, as it were, the rigidity of the mind. Be in good health, in harmony, free from anxiety, in tune with the world.

(3) There must be a strict regard for truth and accuracy.

(4) Rub your hands with your handkerchief. Then pick up some article, holding it gently in the hand. Say aloud what thoughts or feelings flow through. Give out immediately the thoughts or feelings and impressions that come. Do not analyse or think over what you are going to say.

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## THE BOOK OF THE MONTH

## OUTLOOK FOR 1947

MR. R. H. NAYLOR'S Year Book, "What the Stars Foretell for 1947," has now been published by Hutchinson & Co., 47, Princes Gate, S.W.7., at 6s. nett. Probably nine out of ten readers of this work will turn first to the birthday section, since Mr. Naylor has an unrivalled reputation for predicting the shape of things to come.

As usual, therefore, considerable space is given to these twelve months forecasts and, as usual, Mr. Naylor demonstrates his happy knack of being able to hit off the significant developments that lie ahead.

But no less commendable, if slightly more impersonal, interest will attach to the several other chapters, which review the tides and currents in everyday world affairs. Mr. Naylor has some penetrating comments to make on the future of democracy. He writes a fascinating survey on the status of astrology—its past, its present and its probable future. He explains, in particular, the progress that is being made in applying astrology to special types of investigation, and speaking of this research in connection with sport and gambling, he tells us of experiments that were conducted by Sepharial and others.

Incidentally, it is the author's conviction that it is *not* possible to secure a winning percentage of racing results by astrological methods. On the other hand, he sees a future for astrological investigation concerned with the stock market and agriculture.

What light, if any, can astrology throw on reincarnation? What birth months are luckiest from a worldly point of view? Can we subscribe to the tradition that there is "something in" so-called lucky and unlucky gemstones?

These are a few of the varied topics which are entertainingly discussed—and at length.

Mr. Naylor writes lightly and interestingly always. This year he introduces a new kind of quiz which will help the reader to gain fresh insight into his horoscope. Finally, he gives a summary of each day's tendencies and lists the Moon's phases.

Thus, into the span of 200 closely packed pages the author has telescoped a remarkable amount of guidance, comment and inspired observation.

J.L.

*(Continued from previous page)*

"Letters are excellent practice. When you get one with a strange writing, open the envelope, hold the letter with eyes closed, to see what impression you get of the sender, of what is said, etc.

"Begin with one vibration articles. That is, articles that have only been in the possession of one person. Do not forget I will add again, that *constant practice* is the only road to success."



# WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

IF your line of writing shows an up-slope, like the writer of the first specimen shown here, you have a desire for achievement. That is, a basic ambition. What your particular ambition may be depends entirely upon yourself.

The writer of the first example is likely to gain all he wishes because under his line he has the necessary traits.

The slope of his writing is not only well-defined, but he also has a forward slant, which denotes progress in the mind, and speed of thought. The sense of rhythm is shown so strongly in the swings between some of his letters, that his ambitions may have something to do with this. But whatever his efforts at success may be, he has a good foundation, for look at the placement of his i-dot, denoting practical sense where money is concerned. His narrowed vowels tell you that he has great reserve in speech, and the long tails of his "y" and "g" that he is tolerant of others. His basic line is therefore good.

Now, example 2 has also a slope up, but it is not so definite. This writer is not so firmly consistent as the first writer, yet the line is fairly progressive. Note the very small

lettering, and the very tall stems. These are a contradictory presentation. The rounded, inky, small style says love of children, unassuming, kind, but the stems say: "I know I am important and I SHALL succeed." This is not so good, because the writing is weak. The basic line will not be upheld so well. Yet it is a good line.

And what of the third specimen with an up-slope for his line? The slope is quite good, but the writer is not going to find it easy to gain

his goal, because he is too unassuming. Look at the short stems, telling of diffidence. But there are some other traits to be taken into consideration also. His t-bar, for instance. It is up-tilted, well away from its stem, and correctly placed at the height on the stem. This kind of will-power is so optimistic that the owner of it never knows when he is beaten. Then, again, his writing as a whole is so firmly consistent that he would be industrious. So, with his good basic line, with industry and optimism to back him up, he is likely to attain his aims but it will need hard work.

Now, there are variations of this up-sloped basic line, and those you will work out like this: If the slope is very acute, that is to say in excess, you will know that the writer is very high-hearted, at times frivolous, and finds it difficult to take life seriously. By the traits you will know if this is good or not so good. If the slope is only slight, the line is still good but would need more bolstering up from the actual characteristics.

In specimen 4 there is a different line. But first, what does a downward trend signify.

A down-trend to the line gives a despondent mind and outlook, and these are never helpful. But in this gentle script, the writer shows that his mental equipment is much stronger than his

*Here with sample of my  
for a character reading &*

Fig. 1

*outline my character from*

Fig. 2

*This telegram is accepted*

Fig. 3

*desire a private reading*

Fig. 4

*shall be interested to have*

Fig. 5

## GRAPHOLOGY

By Shirley Anderson

*looked out into the street*

Fig. 6

*wave men. folly-fall'n, quite*

Fig. 7

*Edward P. Robinson*

Fig. 8

Note: Handwriting reproductions have been reduced in size one half.



physical side. His mind is gently melancholy, and so is discouraged from the start.

If you should have a down-slope it ought to be changed. Cheerful optimism will alter it for you. Looking at things on the bright side will do wonders for your basic line.

Figure 5

The unusual writing in example 5 is intriguing. In the first place, note that the presentment is vertical. This shows self-reliance and so it is more difficult for the owner to become depressed. The artistic, gentle mind of this writer shows in the final letter of the word "have" the clue to the dependency . . . introspection. A slight melancholy because of loneliness of heart. This is heightened by the slightness of the will-power, as shown in the t-bars. It would be easy for this writer to pull up because of his attraction to people marked in the small, curved initial lines to the letters "b" and "h".

Figure 6

A really good example of the type which runs straight across the page, and has neither ambition nor depression. The writer is sweet in nature and with an even temperament. Seldom gets irritated, and is indolent and easy to please. Good at getting her own way and with a nice amount of will-power, as you see by the strong t-bars but the lack of line nullifies the good of the will-power. Not much use having a firm will, if you don't want to get anywhere in life!

Figure 7

Here is a specimen of handwriting, which apparently is straight across the paper, and is of vertical style. Yes, but look at the middle word . . . "folly-fall'n" and you will see that this word is UP. This is a "step" in the writing and indicates an effort of the mind towards ambition. The reason is that owing to some circumstance the writer, who is ambitious, has been forced to "tread water" as it were, but will take the first chance of aiming higher. The tightly narrowed vowels "a" and "o" show repression in an otherwise open formation.

After reading thus far, you have probably decided what your own line on life is, and if it is weak, I trust you have decided to improve it. To help you, take a look at the perfect example of the signature of Edward G. Robinson, the popular film actor. Notice his determined up-slope, with a tremendous depth of emotion in the inkiness, and dramatic intensity of feeling. Passionate feelings and a variable temperament which gives him versatility are shown in the ink-plus-uneven-alignment. And notice where the full-stop after his middle initial comes, well-down, denoting over-sensitive reactions to good or bad in life. The little flourish says: "I like to be appreciated in my name!"

# WHAT HYP

Recently the B.B.C. conducted a very successful survey which aroused wide comment. Here a well-known hypnotist exposes a number of popular fallacies

By H. C.

THE modern hypnotist is a normal person. His eyes are no more peculiar than those of anyone else, and as for mysterious powers—he neither possesses, nor needs them. He is simply a specialist who uses his particular branch of applied psychology to alleviate and cure certain nervous and functional disorders which will not respond successfully to other methods of treatment.

The state of hypnosis is nothing unusual, and is, in fact, perfectly familiar to everyone who indulges in what we call a "brown study" or "forty winks": to relax and doze for a short while without going off to sleep. Hypnosis is simply a state of passivity and rest in which the subject ceases to think actively and thereby allows the hypnotist to apply ideas and suggestions (previously agreed to by himself) to the vast and little known part of the mind—the subconscious.

The subconscious mind is so called because it lies below the awareness of the conscious mind with which we identify ourselves throughout our waking moments. It contains the instincts and emotions, the complete and accurate memory of all our experiences throughout our lives; it controls the functions of the body through the medium of the nervous system, but it is incapable of thinking in the reasoning and logical manner of the conscious mind.

It really acts from force of habit more than anything, and whatever we train it to do, whether intentionally or unintentionally, it will carry out in spite of our conscious opinions

## ... AND THIS IS

AN excellent method to induce auto-hypnosis is as follows: sit in a comfortable chair with your back to the light. Gaze at some small bright object (glass bead, or ball-bearing will suit admirably) held about twelve inches away from the eyes. Repeat the suggestion *aloud in a firm and determined voice*. Ten minutes at a time is enough, and the best times to do it are first thing every morning, and last thing at night. A tip: don't attempt to auto-suggest anything which is obviously impossible—it just won't work! In fact, you will probably end up worse than before through



# NOTISM IS

ful television test of hypnotism, which  
authority, exploring the truth about hypno-  
which the B.B.C. experiment has revived.

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or desires. Consequently it is easy to under-  
stand how it is that once we have formed a  
bad habit, either of action or of thinking, it is  
so difficult to control it consciously.

Hypnotic treatment consists of training the  
subconscious mind into new and better habits  
of thought until the old distressing thought  
habits are overcome and neutralised. Deep  
hypnosis, in which the subject apparently  
loses consciousness and all memory of what  
has taken place, is very rare indeed, and is  
only possible in the case of people who have  
exceptional powers of concentration. Even  
then, it is often necessary to train them into it  
gradually over a long period. In ordinary  
hypnosis, the subject is quite conscious and  
fully aware of everything going on around  
him, although he feels too comfortable and  
drowsy to bother much about it.

The important point to remember is that  
the hypnotist has absolutely no power over  
anyone than that given him by the person  
concerned. A danger to the practice of  
hypnotism is those people who, through  
reading extravagant and imaginative literature,  
actually *believe* what they have read to  
be true. If a good hypnotic subject  
believes that the hypnotist has absolute power  
over him then it will be so, *but only*  
*because the subject himself has brought it about.*

The practical uses of the science are many  
and varied. It has been used successfully for  
the cure of all functional physical ailments,  
for the alleviation and improvement of many  
organic diseases, and for the removal of pain  
in the case of painful and incurable diseases.

## UTO-HYPNOTISM

setting in motion the "law of reversed effort."

It is of no use attempting to cure a major  
nervous disorder by auto-hypnosis. Nervous  
troubles always have a hidden origin which  
invariably defies discovery by self-analysis  
owing to the censorious factor in repression.  
Treatment for such a case should be undertaken  
by a hypnotist who knows his psychology  
thoroughly; it is not amenable to self-  
treatment.

Auto-hypnosis *will* give results within its  
limitations, but it is absolutely useless to build  
up constructive ideas in the subconscious  
mind unless they are backed up with  
determined and wilful action.

## -And Is Not

DUE to the publication of various  
highly imaginative novels and  
stories in which hypnotism has been  
used as a theme, the general conception  
of a hypnotist is often that of a long haired,  
bearded, satanic figure with weird piercing  
eyes possessing a terrible and mysterious  
power. Popular belief has it that he is able to  
send his subjects into a deep state of  
unconsciousness in which they are unaware  
of anything going on, and from which they  
can only emerge at the will of the hypnotist.

Alternatively, he is credited with the power  
to obtain complete obedience to his every  
command—and of even retaining that power  
throughout the life of his subject! All this it  
is believed the hypnotist may achieve merely  
by fixing his selected subject with that weird  
stare!

Such beliefs do not even sound reasonable  
and at the risk of disillusioning the more  
imaginative reader let me tell you something.

Contrary to popular opinion, it is impossible  
for an hypnotist to make his subject do  
anything they are not willing to do, and this  
applies even to the deep stage of hypnosis.  
There is no danger of patients being unable  
to return to normal consciousness. If left  
to themselves, the hypnotic state becomes  
normal sleep from which they awaken in the  
ordinary way.

Neither is it true that people can be made  
to divulge secrets of their private lives when  
under the hypnotist's influence. They will  
only give away their secrets if they want to,  
and not otherwise.

The induction of an hypnosis requires the  
patient's full co-operation in every respect.  
As much depends upon this as upon the skill  
of the hypnotist, thus it follows that nobody  
can be put into the hypnotic state against their  
will, nor will they remain in a state of hypnosis  
should they not wish to.

Hypnotism has very little to do with the  
will of the practitioner; the whole thing  
depends upon the will of the patient, for it is  
that, in conjunction with his concentrative  
powers, which produces the state of hypnosis  
within him. The best hypnotic subjects have  
strong wills and intense concentration.

In the past the science of hypnotism has  
been much maligned by certain misguided  
people who have sought to make something  
sensational out of a perfectly rational and  
beneficent science. The real value and  
usefulness of the science is only now becoming  
recognised universally.

Many are the possibilities within the scope  
of auto-hypnosis. Relaxation, sleep, concentra-  
tion, memory, will-power and self-control can  
all be improved by the intelligent use of sug-  
gestion applied during self-induced hypnosis.

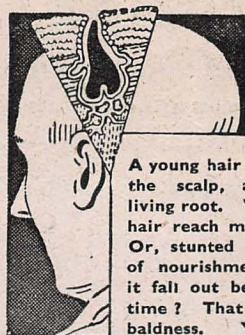


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# Why Do You DREAM?

**SCIENTISTS** of the Victorian era 'knew everything'. Among other things they were quite clear as to the cause of dreams. They were the result of somatic stimuli. In plain language they were the natural outcome of bodily sensations developing during sleep. This opinion lingered on into the twentieth century and was still accepted as a more or less sufficient one up to the time when Freud published his classic work on the interpretation of dreams. Many people still hold to it, and it is not uncommon for dreamers to explain their own dreams in terms of the 'physical cause', just as such investigators as Scherner and Krauss had done long before them.

On this method of interpretation a dream of walking out of doors in a semi-clad state is the probable result of sleeping with insufficient bedclothes. Incipient toothache would account for any dream of oral discomfort, such as the familiar one of having loose teeth. Slight indigestion causing pressure on the heart might serve to explain the nightmare of falling over a cliff.

That such causes do quite occasionally operate cannot be doubted just as we cannot deny that a stone on a railway line may cause a train accident. Where the somatic theory breaks down is in its failure to distinguish between the exciting cause of a dream and the detail structure of the dream itself. Very little thought will convince us that though obstruction on a railway line may cause an accident it will not of itself decide its details or extent. In the same way the details of a dream are determined by many more factors than an exterior excitant, and these are what really matter from an interpretational point of view.

**ONE** notable advance in the understanding of dreams, in which Scherner played a leading part, was the recognition that a dreamer will often use the symbolism of a house to denote his or her own body.

On this plan the attic denotes the head, the upper floors the chest, the kitchen stands for the digestive organs of the abdomen, and a fine front porch supported by stout marble pillars is a likely description of the legs.

Not only the house, but its garden, and the view from the upper windows, will in many instances be made use of in the same way; a neglected garden denoting a subconscious sense that the dreamer is in some way or other allowing himself to 'go to seed'. A dreary, wintry view from an upper window may similarly denote a hopeless sensation of failure to make the best use of personal talent.

**A**NOTHER end-of-century view was that dreams are a purging of half-thoughts nipped in the bud: an elimination of excess and unwanted thought-material. Here we are beginning to approach to the idea of a real use in the dream, though we still do not get any light upon whatever process may decide what thought-material is, and what is not, 'unwanted'.

However, a point had at length been reached where it was beginning to be realised that the dream might possess some real and useful function of thought-selection; and that, in some way or other, this function might exercise an unburdening, and hence a healthful, effect.

The ground was becoming prepared for Sigmund Freud to step in with his great pioneer work in the more detailed discovery of dream mechanism.

## COLIN BENNETT'S INTERPRETATIONS

**THE DREAM:** *I get a letter from overseas always in a green envelope. I can only read the last sentence, in which the sender states a particular thing 'they' wish to do; and 'their' name is signed underneath quite clearly. In the second stage of the dream I am always trying to find this person, but just miss 'them' as 'they' travel on to another place. The peculiar thing about this dream I have repeatedly is, I haven't seen this person for a very long time. I have no idea if 'they' are abroad or in this country, and have never corresponded with 'them' at all. From: Miss H. M., Warwickshire.*

**THE MEANING:** The sender of the foregoing does not so much put to us a case for dream interpretation, as require an act of clairvoyance; for she expects the interpretation of a dream of

which she will not give the contents. Thus, someone, whose sex is carefully and heavily hidden under the pronoun 'they' sends a letter of which only one sentence can be read; and that she will not give. Obviously, under such circumstances nothing remains but to make shots in the dark. Very well then, we start by guessing that 'they' is a man; perhaps even that this man may—for anything stated to the contrary—be an American soldier who took the lady's fancy and has now returned to his own country. For a second 'pot-shot' we will regard the green colour of the envelope as symbolising evergreen memory, and imagine the suppressed sentence of the letter as an offer of marriage. That would constitute a typical wish-fulfilment dream—and they quite often come true. But it's all only guessing, and I am prevented from doing more.



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## THE LATE MRS. H.

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THE MEANING : The dream, as given above, is capable of a simple psychological interpretation. As often happens with second marriages, some little thing has occurred to give Mrs. H. a temporary sense of want of success. This feeling the dream redresses by supplying a message of encouragement. While the dream so interpreted falls into the well-known category of wish-fulfilment dreams there are certain points in connection with it which would certainly suggest something deeper. The outstanding feature is its assurance to the dreamer of her present position being well and valuably filled.

## NASTY DYING MAN

THE DREAM : I had a nasty dream of a strange man disguised as a woman. At first he was walking away from me, then he was lying down, and a doctor who was examining him said he had only a short time to live. He was terribly wasted and ill. He came towards me and I ran for protection to a young man friend. This second man looked very fit, and in fact much better than he really is. The dream finished in a room decorated with small flags and flowers, with this young man standing near. This dream has worried me because I had a tiff with the young man on the evening before it. From : Miss G. D., Birmingham.

THE MEANING : The unhealthy man who the dreamer ran from, and the healthy one who she ran to, are symbolic of her state of mind regarding the man friend of her actual life. She is evidently one of those people who are more than usually repelled by the idea of weakness and illness, and her fiance does not satisfy her ideas of health and strength. Hence the charade of the dream, which represents her as running away from him when ill and hurrying towards him when well. The tiff she had with him on the evening prior to the dream may well have arisen through some covert revulsion from physical weakness. In that event, the suppressed idea that the tiff may not easily be made up may hide a half-wish that it will not be. Obviously, here is a case for considering, very carefully, whether marriage should take place.



**By  
Gullian  
Hopper**

*Gipsy Petulengro, the famous Romany seer, is not reading the hands of this couple, as may appear at first sight. He is actually joining them in marriage, according to the traditional Romany custom of cutting the palms.*



# GIPSY PREDICTION

**W**HY should the Gipsies, more than any other race, be regarded as possessing the gift of seership? No other race springs so easily to mind when the conversation runs on means of reading the future.

To my mind, and I have many reasons to support my theory, the Gipsy surpasses all other races in the science of prognostication because he is nearer to nature.

In 1930 I was on the frontier between Uruguay and Brazil at a point where two towns overlap the border and ignore all political differences in such a manner that the wretched dividing line between the two countries has to run down the middle of a café. On a chair on one side of the place sits a Brazilian soldier enjoying his coffee and rolling a cigarette, while his Uruguayan contemporary does exactly the same on the other side of the room. The twin towns are called Sant'Anna (Brazil) and Rivera (Uruguay).

In that same café I met a Gipsy who, at the head of his tribe, had crossed the seas from Portugal. His name was Pedro Ferreira—in English, Peter Smith.

There were few people in the café so the Gipsy sat at my table and invited me to drink with him. I accepted and we sat chatting.

"You are English," he said casually. I nodded. "My wife told me I should meet an Englishman to-day," he added. "We are going to travel a long way together, you and I," he went on. "And after we part we shall meet again across the water—across the ocean.

After that we shall part never to meet again but you will remember me and my people and the memory of us will put many gold pieces into your pockets."

I grinned disbelievingly. "Unless you are going to Paraguay, *amigo*," I said, "Our ways lie in different directions."

The Gipsy shook his head. "My people are crossing Uruguay after their own fashion," he drew a zigzag line across the table to illustrate their meanderings.

"I am going direct—by train to Montevideo, boat across to Buenos Aires and again by boat to Asuncion where I have a job awaiting me," I told him.

"Vamos á ver," said Pedro Ferreira.

"Yes, we shall see," I echoed.

In those days I had not yet adopted writing as a means of earning my living. I was working as a civil engineer on railways, hydro-electric projects and other great developments. I had a post awaiting me in Paraguay. There was no possibility of the Gipsy's words coming to pass.

So I thought.

News of the great world slump had not then reached Sant'Anna-Rivera. I did not know that everywhere the capitalists were drawing their purse-strings and cutting down their commitments.

The same afternoon I received a telegram. The Paraguayan development was "off."

So just as the Gipsy's wife had foretold, I went with his rattle-taggle troop, across the rolling plains of Uruguay, along the valley of the Rio Tacuarembó, across the Rio Negro



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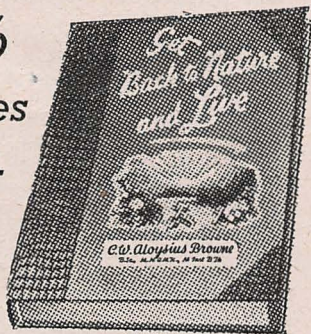
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into the Department of Rincón de Ramirez, and in this snakelike fashion finally arrived at Treinta-y-Tres.

Pedro's wife taught me more about fortune-telling than I have since learnt from dozens of weighty books.

Dourada Ferreira possessed an extremely dirty pack of very ancient cards. Although I did not know them by that name then, they were Tarots (of which the firm of Rider's publish a modern edition). I am afraid I was rather sceptical when she told me that her dog-eared pack was one of the oldest "books" in the world. In spite of my disbelief she was good enough to tell me something about them. "You can laugh, *gajo*," she said, "but if you knew all the secrets of the cards you would have all the wisdom in the world."

She believed that the Tarot cards, placed in a certain order, told the history of the world to date. Placed in another sequence they foretold the world's future.

As she spoke she laid the cards down so that they formed a diamond. The bottom left side of the diamond consisted of two packs representing my childhood, the upper left my youth and manhood, upper right middle-age and lower right old-age. Finally, in the centre of the diamond, one single card.

Now, unlike the custom of most fortune-tellers, she did not take the cards simply as they came. Instead, she took up one pack at a time and spreading the cards out, re-arranged them to form her own picture of my life. This is where the Gipsy's closeness to Nature comes into play.

Her reading of my early life was staggering in its veracity. Among matters she mentioned were some that concerned events which, although they were not directly connected with me personally, had nevertheless had a great effect on my subsequent behaviour.

The suits of the Tarot cards are different from the modern playing-cards although the latter are derived from the former. Clubs for example are shown as Sceptres or Wands; Hearts appear as Cups or Goblets; Spades as Swords, and Diamonds as Golden Coins or Pentacles. Dourada's cards bore Golden Coins with Pentacles inscribed upon them.

Besides 22 allegorical figures which are superior to the ordinary cards, the Tarot packs have an extra court card in the shape of a Knight on horseback. Thus, the court cards represent Childhood (Knave), Youth (Knight), and Maturity (King and Queen).

Dourada looked up suddenly, holding out one of the allegorical cards known as "The Juggler": "This is you," she said, "You are twenty-six years old."

"Wrong," I replied, "I am twenty-five."

"Brother," said the Gipsy, "A man's age is counted from nine months before he was born!"

How had she arrived at the date? Quite simple. From the beginning of the diamond she counted the cards until the "Juggler"

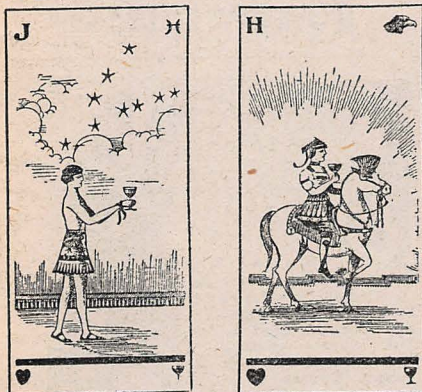


appeared. The "Juggler" always represents the person whose fortune is being read.

Each little pack around the diamond held seven cards but of these only four were selected—the first, third, fifth and seventh. There are seventy-eight cards in the Tarot pack.

Gradually she unfolded to me the story of my own life. That which was known to me, that which I was experiencing, and that which still lay ahead.

The 22 allegorical cards of the Tarot pack have puzzled students of the occult sciences for centuries. Dourada's pack was of the traditional design. There was *The Wheel of Fortune* which signifies Destiny; *The Moon*, indicating Danger; *The Fool* meaning simply Foolishness, and *The Hanged Man* who is not really hanged but has merely tied his left foot to a tree-stump, folded his arms behind his back and raised his right foot off the ground to signify Prudence and Cautiousness. He is called the Hanged Man by mistake and some more modern printers have actually printed the card in reverse to show him hanging by the foot.



Two examples from the Gipsy Tarot Cards

Other cards and meanings are :—

- The Juggler*—Male Consultant
- Priestess*—Woman Consultant
- Empress*—Initiative
- Death*—Death
- Struck Tower*—Ruin, Disaster
- Judgement*—Change
- Lovers*—Love
- The Hermit*—Wisdom
- Emperor*—Dominance and Willpower
- Priest*—Mercy and Charity
- Justice*—Justice
- Strength*—Strength
- Devil*—Sickness
- Sun*—Luck and Happiness
- Stars*—Hope and Inspiration
- The Universe*—Worldly Success
- Temperance*—Temperance
- Chariot*—Triumph

Dourada dealt with the last small pack which represented my extreme old age and then turned

to the single card in the middle of the diamond. She turned it up—Death. "You will live to a very great age," she said.

I left the Gipsies in Montevideo and crossed the Río de la Plata to Buenos Aires but the slump had already gripped the Argentine capital and there was nothing for it but to return to England.

After a few months at home I decided to try my luck in Portugal and Spain. It was on the frontier between those two countries that I again met Pedro and his wife. Dourada's prophecy had come true once more.

Since those days I have made a study of the Tarot and its connection with the Gipsies. I believe that in this pack of seventy-eight cards the Romany race is really the custodian of one of the most ancient "books" compiled long before mankind had developed a universal system of writing. The Tarot is related to the indecipherable symbols of the Peruvian Incas, the glyphs of the Mayas and the picture-writing of Ancient Egypt. It is curious to note that the ancient Egyptian word for "enquire" or "consult" was *ternu*!

I have purchased in various parts of the world numerous different packs of Tarot cards. Some of these are rather crude while others—especially one received from Germany the other day—are real works of art. I have noticed also that whatever their degree of artistry, all Tarot cards are faithful to certain small details. In these apparently insignificant features I believe the true secret of the Tarot pack is hidden.

Gipsies in Britain seldom use the Tarot and most of them rely on the palm of the hand as indicative of the future. A clever Gipsy girl of my acquaintance admitted to me once that she had no *real* knowledge of the meaning of the lines of the hand. "I can tell a lot from a man's gestures," she said, "I go by the feel of his skin, whether it's warm and dry, or cold and damp. Then there's the depth and width of the lines. You never yet met a man with deep wide lines that wasn't generous. People who have very few lines are cunning and cruel. People whose hands hang open easily are lazy and dull while those with curved or clutching hands are active and clever."

To direct his own fortunes the Gipsy relies on a number of things. As I said earlier, the Gipsy is very near to Nature and can read that lady's book as easily as you read your daily paper. The Gipsy arrives at a camp-site, shudders and continues his journey rather than halt there. He has *felt* a disagreeable atmosphere about the place and if you go to the trouble of making a few enquiries you will find that previous campers have quarrelled violently there or have experienced sickness at the spot.

The Gipsy will stare at the ashes of his fire before he strikes camp in the morning and will follow the impression he gains from it. If a whirlwind strikes the dust on the trail he will examine the dust later and read a message in it.

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By

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GLANCING back along the vista of the road traversed in my eighty-one years, I find my intermittent excursion into Spiritualism divides itself naturally into three sections, of which the initial one deals with "The First Plunge." In later articles, I propose to tell first of my going deeper in, and then of what finally became of my investigations.

It was as an ardent young reporter, to whom no new experience came amiss, that I gained admission to the ranks of practical investigators into the Life Beyond. One of my colleagues, a special chum, joined me in the quest. He went later to South Africa (where he is living still), and became Cecil Rhodes' favourite reporter, afterwards advancing to the position of editor of the *Diamond Fields Advertiser*, securing the seat for Kimberley in the Cape Parliament, and serving first as editor of the *Cape Argus* and then as editor-in-chief of that journal and its allied newspapers.

We found that another colleague was a confirmed spiritualist. His wife was mediumistic, and he told weird stories of how spirits had attracted his attention by repeatedly twitching off his bedclothes on a freezing night, and had afterwards reproached him at a seance with the cold reception he had given them; also of how the party of investigators with whom he was wont to sit had arranged with a similar party in the United States for an apport demonstration, the result being that a bunch of freshly-cut grapes from an American greenhouse fell into the English medium's lap.

This colleague, on the persuasion of my friend and myself, gained for us an introduction to a private and family gathering of sitters held every Sunday evening in a room behind a shop kept by one of their number.

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It was ordinary spiritualistic phenomena that we usually saw. First we sang hymns, with the lights turned low, and after a waiting time, which varied in length, the table would tilt beneath our circle of touching hands. Thereupon we would take our hands from the table, which would proceed to answer questions by the slow, laborious process of coming to the floor all square as the alphabet was recited over and over again, and so spelling out words. The messages were not at all revealing.

"Nothing much in that!" I thought, but kept the criticism to myself. And yet—what brought that heavy round table, supported by a thick central leg, inches off the floor on one side or the other, again and again? For we were all sitting back, and none of us was touching the table; the light was sufficient to show that.

More interesting to me were the spirit voices, as we were told, that came through the medium in a state of unconsciousness. We were never told his name or his occupation, and as my friend and I were present on sufferance, we did not care to ask. I judged the medium to be a middle-aged mechanic, of average education for his class. All sorts of characters manifested through him.

## Foreign Tongues

The voices were those of men and women, educated and uneducated, British and foreign, solemn and frivolous. Once we were treated to a spate of glib French, of a kind that I could not imagine as being native to the medium. But of course one never knows.

The writer of this article, the first of a series of three, is a retired journalist who spent over fifty years on newspaper staffs at Portsmouth and Southampton. Of his five sons the eldest also became a journalist and served for years on editorial staffs at Colombo and Singapore. Two other sons are in the Navy, one holding the rank of captain and the other of commander.

High-lights in Mr. Pine's career are: Shaking hands with Mr. Ferdinand de Lesseps of Suez Canal and Panama Canal fame when he embarked at Southampton to carry out the latter undertaking; interviewing a prisoner on board H.M.S. *Victory* under the eyes of Royal Marine guards, and being the means of effecting the man's release after wrongful punishment as a deserter; smuggling himself to Antwerp at the expense of the Argentine Government, so as to report on their treatment of out-of-work British emigrants; inducing H. G. Wells to talk of his life as a draper's assistant at Southsea, and of how he felt "I couldn't go on tying up parcels all my life"; founding the Hampshire and Isle of Wight district of the Chartered Institute of Journalists, and being elected in three successive years as Hon. Vice-President of the Institute.

The messages related sometimes to mundane affairs, and sometimes to the other world. The latter, I noticed, were apt to pile words upon words, without giving much real information. But although my sceptical nature remained unconvinced, I could not for the life of me see why these people should go on meeting Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out, unless there was "something in it." No money passed; and if the medium were just a deceiver, what satisfaction could he get out of conscious deception in this way, for there was nobody to chuckle over it with him? Surely he would have had a better career on the stage.

Abrupt transitions were frequent during the talking manifestations. Once I was rather startled, while sitting next to the medium, by his suddenly turning his head towards me, and in a voice as perky as his new manner, jerking out, "Good evening."

I replied with the same greeting. "You don't know me, I suppose" went on the voice. Ignorance had to be confessed.

"Well, I am Dr. William Dodd."

Then I recalled having recently read about a former King's Chaplain of that name who had been a popular preacher and writer, and who was hanged in 1777 for forging a bond for £1,200 in the name of his patron and former pupil, Lord Chesterfield. I was not aware that he possessed a doctor's degree. "You should read my books," the new visitor said before taking his departure. "You may find one on a hawkers' barrow." I never did.

## "Vive la Hemperoor!"

It grew a bit monotonous at these seances, and I sought out my spiritualist colleague with the suggestion of a change. He secured for me the entree to another private circle that met on Sundays.

Here again the medium was a middle-aged working man, but his education was scanty. He had but few aspirates, and most of these intruded where they had no right to be. On the whole, though, his visitants were a bit more spicy than those I had encountered before. One even claimed to be a French soldier who had fought at Waterloo. Then I sat up and listened. Here was history indeed!

I listened, and what I heard was a farewell shout of "Vive la Hemperoor!" With the intolerance of youth, and making no allowance for the intervention of the medium's personality, I decided that this from an alleged Frenchman was really too much. After leaving that seance, I stood clear of spiritualistic contacts for quite a number of years.

Then I came back, and next month, I will tell you what I discovered in my investigations.



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The average reader finds it difficult to follow the explanations and diagrams given in popular astronomical handbooks. It is not easy to acquire a telescope. Even if one has a telescope, the English climate is such that it is not possible to use a telescope regularly. When our political bosses can spare time, between inventing new restrictions and "austerities," they might do worse than follow the example of the City Fathers of Chicago and Philadelphia.

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The mathematical sign Aquarius regarded by modern astrologers and astronomers (as distinct from the constellation Aquarius regarded by ancient astronomers and astrologers) is south of the celestial equator and contains such well known and effectual fixed stars as Altair (Aquarius 0°39') and Deneb. Altair is an immense orb of the first magnitude: its effects are of the nature of Mars and Jupiter. Deneb is of the third magnitude, his effects are comparable to those of Saturn and Jupiter.

Aquarius people (i.e., those born whilst the Sun is passing through Aquarius, or a group of planets, including the Moon, is in Aquarius) are a type apart, unlike the subjects of any of the other eleven signs.

### Thus They Are—

The Aquarian type is stubborn yet erratic; inspirational; original; difficult to understand; liable to sudden unaccountable changes of mind; frequently the possessor of some specialised gift; social-minded; co-operative individualist (to use a contradictory term); given to sudden switch-offs in interest and relationships.

### —And Are Not

The Aquarian type is not capable of balanced or detached judgment; consistent; willing to follow a close routine; logical.

To sum up, the Aquarian is a contradictory individual, worth knowing in every sense of the word (or at least it is worth while trying to know your Aquarian). Always ready to take a chance, possessing strong social instincts. The jibe that was thrown at one of our Stuart kings “... He never said a foolish thing and never did a wise thing” might be flung at some Aquarians.

Physically, the average Aquarian is a sturdy individual, though there are two distinct types of the breed. The first is tall, blond and graceful. The second is dark-haired, heavy in the shoulders, short in the legs, broad in the pelvis, with prominent muscles. Both types alike are keen on variety, change and adventure. Their habits of thought are curiously variable—Aquarians are for ever perpetuating non-sequiturs. Remark to an Aquarian that “it is a fine day.” As likely as not he will answer “I am going to a show next Monday week.”

### Occult Interests

No doubt a census (if one could be taken) would reveal a large proportion of Sun-Aquarians among PREDICTION readers. The Aquarian family love mysticism. Perhaps because when they are out for a walk across country, or following any line of thought, the unbeaten track, the unfamiliar way, always calls to them.

There is nothing uncertain, however, in the Aquarian manner. Aquarians know. Indeed, they know so well that on the slightest provocation they will give you the benefit of their inside information about this, that and the other. Anything from the date and manner of Hitler's death to the date and manner of the Second Advent.

But don't dismiss the Aquarian type lightly because of that. They are invariably original in thought and

deed, they will listen with intense interest to your own pet theories: they will take a chance on any proposition you like to put forward. But don't look for consistency. Your Aquarian just couldn't run to a schedule even if he tried.

### Attitude to Marriage

The typical Aquarian is herterodox in most ways, but especially so in all matters relating to sex, love and marriage. If parsons had to depend for their marriage fees upon Aquarians, they would fare rather poorly. Don't go away with the impression, however, that your Aquarian does not marry legally. He does, as a concession to orthodoxy or because the other party believes in religious marriage. Your Aquarian has high ideals in this matter. He knows that marriage is a thing of the heart, soul and spirit: that when two individuals of opposite sex truly love and serve each other, they are married in the best sense of the word, whether or not a ceremonial ritual is performed.

The Aquarian pays more attention to *motive* than to *acts*. He knows that the instant married people discover they each dislike, distrust and fear the other, marriage is a hollow mockery, a hateful bondage. So don't judge your Aquarian too harshly if he appears to flout the conventions.

No, the average Aquarian is not a “domestic” animal.

He often prefers the houses of others to his own house. He is happy in a place only whilst he can find in that place something amusing, instructive and diverting.

“The little grey home in the West” would merely bore middle-aged Mr./Mrs. Aquarius if they hadn't interests outside and plenty of them.

### For Happy Partnerships

Aquarians think and move suddenly. To-day, Mrs. Aquarian seems comfortably settled in her home. Tomorrow, to your astonishment, you will hear she has joined up in the A.T.S., or gone to Palestine, or is negotiating for a trip to Russia. I have known Aquarian men, married for years, break away from home and family for no apparent reason.

Which brings up this point: if your Aquarian friend, lover or sweetheart, business or matrimonial partner stages one of these startling Aquarian “breaks”, sit tight and do nothing. Appeals, self-reproach, bribes in the way of a fur coat for the wife or a box of a hundred cigars for the husband would be in vain. The only thing the Aquarians cannot stand is not to be noticed.

### Money and Business

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Aquarius are seldom consistent in business or money matters. Yet for some unknown reason they have “the divine spark” and at intervals make money and flourish.

If an Aquarian owes you money, wait until he strikes a good patch. He will pay up without a murmur. But if he is in a bad patch, wild horses wouldn't get him to settle your bill.

If you employ Aquarians, put them in positions of responsibility and don't poke your nose in or interfere. Leave it to Aquarian inspiration. If you are a wife with an Aquarian husband, cultivate the saving habit (only put your savings into real estate in one form or another, electrical investments or shares in industrial companies producing patent gadgets). Sooner or later your beloved will strike a bad patch and it will come in handy. But the blessed thing is that after he has struck a bad patch he will most probably strike a better one than he has ever known and liberally compensate you.

By  
**R. H. NAYLOR**



# WHAT TO DO EVERY DAY IN

DAY (FEBRUARY)	MAIN ASPECTS	GENERAL TENDENCIES FOR THE DAY
Sat. 1st in II	$\Delta \odot, \Delta \Psi, \delta \text{H}, \Delta \text{P}$ $\text{H} \Delta \text{P}$ Waxing Moon $\odot \text{P}$ , $\delta \text{P}$	To-day's events take a quite unexpected turn. New hope for many but setbacks for a few. Curious news of world affairs.
Sun. 2nd in II	$\delta \text{P}$ $\text{hP}$	Somewhat nondescript day but more suitable for study than pleasure. Link-up with the past might be helpful.
Mon. 3rd in II	$\square \Psi$	Easy to run into financial complications to-day : be careful. Better for the routine worker than the adventurous type.
Tues. 4th in II	$\delta \text{h}, 2 \Delta$ $\text{Ph}$ Waxing Moon	Good for money making, particularly if present activities link up with the old associations. Good for anything that concerns home and family.
Wed. 5th in III	$\delta \odot, * \Psi, * \text{H}, \delta \delta$ $\text{Ph}, 2 \square \text{P}$ Full Moon $\text{P}$ , $\text{P}$	Critical day in many people's affairs : worth while compromising to avoid quarrels. Surprises for many this evening.
Thurs. 6th in III	$\square 2, \Delta \text{P}, \delta \text{P}$ $\text{P}$ , $2 \text{P}$ Waning Moon	Don't take work too seriously : it will pay you better to concentrate on social contacts or entertaining. Beware muddles over correspondence.
Fri. 7th in III	$\square \text{H}$ $\text{P}$	Better for the enterprising and inventive type than the ordinary man or woman. Surprises too, as well as opportunities, this afternoon.
Sat. 8th in III	$* 2, \square \text{P}$ $\Psi \Delta \delta$	Concentrate on business and postpone pleasure plans if necessary. Better for sales than for purchases.
Sun. 9th in III	$\delta \Psi, * \text{h}, \Delta \delta$ $\text{P}$ , $2 \text{P}$	Enjoyable for anyone with sporting interests or of active temperament. Beware controversies or misunderstandings this evening.
Mon. 10th in III	$\Delta \odot, \Delta \text{H}$	Energising influences prevail to-day : get any new schemes in hand going this morning. Propitious for interviews and for changes.
Tues. 11th in III	$\square \text{h}, * \text{P}, \Delta \text{P}$ $\text{P}$	Not an important day but probably a very pleasant one. Crisp, snappy atmosphere prevails for most of us.
Wed. 12th in III	$\square \odot, \square \delta$ $\text{P}$ , $\text{P}$ Last Quarter	Easy to run into quarrels or plunge into mishaps to-day so be careful. Better put off interviews of any importance.
Thur. 13th in III	$\Delta \text{h}, \delta 2$ $\text{Ph}, 2 \text{P}$	Let business take first place in your thoughts : it should be easy to make money this morning. Important too for contacting influential people.
Fri. 14th in III	$* \Psi, \delta \text{H}, * \delta, \square \text{P}$ $\text{P}$	Let your plans for to-day be clear-cut and simple. Ambitious or complicated projects will probably end in trouble.
Sat. 15th in III	$* \odot$ $\Psi \square \text{P}$	Mildly beneficial influences at work, particularly for those who are out of doors or engaged upon new schemes. Probability of bargains this afternoon.
Sun. 16th in III	$\square \Psi, \delta \text{P}$ $\odot \square 2$	Usual Sunday routine and associates may prove tiresome : make a break if you can. Good prospects for entertaining or tete-a-tetes tonight.
Mon. 17th in III	$* \text{P}$ $\text{H} \Delta \delta$	Clear up trivial jobs and let more important ones wait till tomorrow. Propitious for attending to correspondence or re-organising routine.
Tues. 18th in III	$\delta \text{h}, * 2$ $\text{Ph}$	Conditions this morning should be more fortunate than those later in the day. Money could be got or goodwill established before noon.
Wed. 19th in III	$\Delta \Psi, \Delta \text{H}$ $\text{H} \square \text{P}$	Many of us will simply muddle through to-day and repent it this evening. Much could be achieved if you could resist time wasters or importunate friends.
Thur. 20th in III	$\square 2, \delta \delta$ $\text{P}$ , $2 \text{P}$ Waning Moon	Adverse for financial deals but good for most other types of work. Accident risk rather high : be careful on the roads.



# \*\*\*\*\* FEBRUARY—by R. H. NAYLOR \*\*\*\*\*

DAY	MAIN ASPECTS	GENERAL TENDENCIES FOR THE DAY
Fri. 21st in )	$\text{)} \odot$ <i>New Moon</i> $\text{)} P \text{♂}$ $\Psi P \text{♀}$	To-day's New Moon will coincide with a new phase in many people's affairs. Better for new schemes than for patching up half-completed ones.
Sat. 22nd in )	$\text{)} \square \text{♂}, * \text{♀}, \text{♂} \text{♀}$ <i>Waxing Moon</i> $\text{)} P \odot$	Day of ups and downs but better for the conventional type rather than the rebel. Don't voice unwelcome opinions unless you are looking for trouble.
Sun. 23rd in )	$\text{)} \triangle h, \triangle \downarrow$ $\text{)} P \Psi, P \text{♀}$	Most promising day for those who stick to conventional routine. Good day for religious observance, meditation, study.
Mon. 24th in )	$\text{)} \text{♂} \Psi, * \text{♂}, \square \text{♀}$ $\text{)} P \Psi, P \text{♀}$	This morning's muddles may clear up rather suddenly later in the day. Better be hard-headed though: don't go off on easy profit schemes and neglect regular work.
Tues. 25th in )	$\text{)} h, * \text{♂}$ $\text{)} P \odot$ $h P \text{♀}$	Useless to worry about past blunders or left-overs. Try out a new scheme—preferably one that could be completed by night.
Wed. 26th in )	$\text{)} * \odot$ $\text{)} P \text{♂}$	Little happens to break the usual routine to-day. Attend to health matters, use the personal touch in any new undertaking.
Thur. 27th in )	$\text{)} * h, \text{♂} \downarrow, \square \text{♂}, \triangle \text{♀}, * \text{♀}$ $\text{)} \text{♀} * \text{♀}$ $\text{)} P h, P \downarrow, P \text{♀}$	Easy to lose money this afternoon, but plenty of amusement to be had all the same. Bad for speculation, bargain hunting, legal business, but propitious for financial matters, entertainment, travel.
Fri. 28th in )	$\text{)} \triangle \Psi, \square \odot$ $\text{)} P h$	Many of us will feel slack and averse to effort this morning. Take life quietly: plenty of excitement due over week-end.

THE SUN—as most readers with a smattering of astrology will know, is passing through Aquarius. On the 19th of the month he enters Pisces. By the 28th the Sun will have reached the 9th degree of "The Sign of the Fishes".

THE MOON—is full on the 5th, new on the 21st. The last and first quarters occur on the 12th and 28th February respectively. There are two important occultations by the Moon this month—on the 1st she occults Uranus, and on the 13th an occultation of Jupiter.

MERCURY—progresses by direct motion from the 23rd degree of Pisces on the 27th of the month, thence turning retrograde, finishing the month in the 23rd degree of Pisces.

VENUS—moves steadily from the 25th degree of Sagittarius on the 1st of the month, entering Capricorn on the 6th, to the 24th degree of Capricorn on the 28th.

MARS—is in Aquarius throughout February, moving quite slowly from the 5th to the 28th degree of that sign.

JUPITER—moves by steady direct motion from the 25th degree of Scorpio on the 1st of the month to the 27th degree of that Sign by the 28th. On the 13th he will be occulted by the Moon.

SATURN—is still retrogressing through Leo, moving from the 4th to the 2nd degree during February.

URANUS—is also retrogressing through Gemini during February, but moves very slightly in the 17th degree of this sign throughout the month. On the 1st he is occulted by the Moon. Watch out for some out-of-the-way news from the U.S.A. about this time.

NEPTUNE—remains in the 10th degree of Libra throughout February, retrogressing very slightly in this degree.

PLUTO—is retrograde in the 11th degree of Leo.

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# ★ FEBRUARY FORECASTS



## Aries

(MARCH 22—APRIL 20  
birthdays).

TO be born with the Sun in Aries is to be fond of excitement and never really averse to a fight. It looks as though this month Sun-Arians will have plenty of both stimulants, though unfortunately it will be personal matters rather than business which are involved.

If you are wise, you won't alienate people who have been useful in the past and could be useful in the future. It does look, however, as though you will be unduly provoked, particularly during the third week of the month. For unmarried Sun-Arians this may mean a spot of trouble with fiancée or old sweetheart. Both married and unmarried April born folk would do well to make sure they are off with the old love before they get on with the new.

As far as business is concerned, there should be smooth sailing ahead, especially after the week-end of the 8th-10th. The position of Venus on the midheaven of the Solar Horoscope most of the month should make progress less troubled than usual. Also, it would be very easy to utilise business good-will and build up useful connections.

Health may need watching during the last week of February, particularly if there have been any signs of nervous strain or heart or stomach upsets. Throughout most of February, however, Sun-Arians' energy will be up to its usual level.

Better give a little more thought than usual to financial prospects. There are signs that you may plunge into an urge of spending during the latter half of February that leads to difficulties at the end of the month. However, your usual backers—either family or business associates—would probably come to the rescue.

Except for the likelihood of a few misunderstandings round about the 9th and the 24th, married Sun-Arians should find that domestic peace is largely undisturbed though relationships with neighbours may be a little stormy, particularly in the first few days of February.



## Taurus

(APRIL 21—MAY 21  
birthdays).

MANY Sun-Taureans will have found their most important plans delayed in the past few months. However successful the main issues may have been, there will have been slow progress throughout and hold-ups at the most important stages.

During February however, most business schemes, and particularly those of recent origin, should go ahead like wildfire. During the first half of the month in particular business affairs should be very active indeed.

All this activity may not result in much immediate cash, although prospects in this direction are steadily good. But ground will have been broken for some profitable venture later in the year and a good deal done to establish business and financial credit.

Throughout the month there will be an underlying current of worry about family affairs or family investments. It is likely to be at its height early in February, and conditions will probably improve round about the 19th or 20th of the month.

If you have relatives or business connections of any moment overseas, February is likely to bring gifts or encouraging news from or of them. Plans may even be made for foreign travel later in the year.

## By R. H. Naylor



# YOUR GUIDE TO THE MONTH ★

The outlook is more propitious for married Sun-Taureans than for single ones. The marriage partner will probably be embarking on a profitable new interest or in-laws roll up with substantial backing and advice.

The problems that are likely to create most headaches during February are first of all official business, and secondly any plans that you might have made for a house move or house buying. Better not plan too far ahead in either of these connections until March is in.



## Gemini

(MAY 22—JUNE 21  
birthdays).

FEBRUARY will start off with a bang for many Sun-Geminians: the occultation of Uranus on the 1st of the month will probably bring surprises more of a personal than a business nature.

If there are links with people overseas or close friends or relatives are serving abroad, surprises in connection with them are likely to materialise early in the month. Important correspondence may be begun in the first few days of February.

From a business angle, the latter half of the month is probably the more important. From the 20th onwards in particular may bring some rapid developments in a scheme that has come to mean a good deal. A little unforeseen "luck" might be expected about the 21st or 22nd.

If an employer, staff problems will be pleasantly absent during February: if an employee, it looks as though working conditions will improve a good deal, particularly around the middle of the month. The 12th and 13th in particular should bring some well merited recognition of what you have been doing since Christmas.

Family life may be a trifle chequered, especially after the 6th of the month. Married Sun-Geminians may find the marriage partner a little more critical than usual or undergoing some strain of his or her own. Relationships with brothers and sisters—usually an important factor in the lives of Sun-Geminians—are likely to be strained during the first fortnight of February. For those who are still heart-whole there are some amusing episodes ahead, particularly round the 1st, 9th and 28th of the month. Better remember, though, that flirtations embarked upon just at present are not likely to lead to anything permanent.

Money luck should be fairly good, though it might be wise to keep clear of speculation on any scale. Also, schemes that have already been in hand for some time are not likely to progress speedily. If you are in need of cash, better concentrate on quick returns and easily completed ventures.



## Cancer

(JUNE 22—JULY 23  
birthdays).

PLANETARY positions during most of February are favourable on the whole for Sun-Cancer folk, but hint that they will be even more engrossed in family affairs than usual. To be born at this time of year is usually to remain closely linked up with

relatives and family affairs throughout life: but during February 1947 this link will be even stronger than usual.

For married Sun-Cancerians the affairs of in-laws will be almost as important as those of their own relatives. A certain clash between marriage partner's associates and relatives will entail a good deal of work and activity for them. The first few days of February will be particularly strenuous.

Towards the end of the month the strain of domestic and family affairs will lighten a good deal. Outside interests will become more and more important, or friends with whom you have not been in touch for some time turn up again.

February is likely to be a good month for friendships and social life generally. You could get in touch with very interesting people and will probably find that more than one of these contacts develops into friendship.

Money luck should be good throughout the month and particularly glowing round about the 13th. Speculative gains might be picked up round about that date or, alternatively, a very profitable property deal be completed.

At the same time it will not be easy to cash in on investments of many years standing. Money you put into some scheme 8 or 9 years ago remains tied up. Also, some responsibility assumed about the same time threatens to become heavier.

## Leo

(JULY 24—AUGUST 23  
birthdays).



SUN-LEOS are usually independent folk, very ready to act upon their own initiative. During most of the month, however, you will be following someone else's lead—probably that of marriage partner or close business associate.

Indeed, it will be a highly important period for married Sun-Leos: the marriage partner appears to be on the verge of important schemes that may, to some extent, clash with existing interests. Prospects however, are pretty good, so you need not feel hesitant about lending a hand.

The family generally is under good auspices at the moment. Developments round about the middle of the month will benefit the entire household. Also, there may be a stroke of luck connected with property round about the same date.

The last ten days of February are likely to be comparatively uneventful. If you can, take a little time off, get a change, look after health during that period. Curious news of a friend's adventures comes in early in the month. Indirectly your own affairs may be affected or your friend's achievements put ideas for new schemes into your head. Incidentally, you will be meeting some very out-of-the-way types this month.

Speculative luck is brightest during the first half of the month. If you want to risk your money this way, better do so either on the 1st or the 14th.

Many Sun-Leos will be revisiting old scenes and getting in touch with friends of childhood during this month. February will be a particularly active month for interests of this kind, particularly around the 5th and 6th and again near the 19th.

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## Virgo

(AUGUST 24—SEPTEMBER 23 birthdays).

RECENT occultations of Uranus will have been of considerable interest to Sun-Virgos, for Uranus is at the moment transiting the midheaven of their Solar horoscope. Another occultation of this planet by the Moon on the 1st of the month should bring still more opportunities and the prospect of near-future changes.

Such changes will probably not be ordinary ones but will entail either promotion in present job or the assumption of considerable responsibilities. Although some of these may be unwelcome at first, they promise to bring good reward in the future.

The first three weeks of February will be a somewhat hectic time for Sun-Virgos who, fortunately, are never averse from effort. The last week of the month will be easier going and may bring some entertaining contacts and several new acquaintances.

Whether married or single, events his month will surely bring a personal thrill or two. Developments round about the 15th or 16th in particular should be highly interesting.

Many Sun-Virgos are either engaged in the teaching profession or linked up with publications of some kind. For anyone doing either of these types of work, there are some very pleasant patches ahead during February. Round about the 14th in particular appears very promising.

As a rule Sun-Virgos are not particularly conscious of money, but during February they will probably be more alert than usual of the attractions of easy money. Speculative luck should be rather good, particularly during the second week of the month. Also, a windfall may come from a quite unexpected quarter between the 1st and 16th.



## Libra

(SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 23 birthdays).

SOCIAL life means a good deal to most Sun-Librans. However much they may be engrossed in business or profession, they can usually find time to get to know pleasant people and cultivate the social graces. During February this side of the Sun-Libran character will be very much to the fore.

For the first three weeks of the month there will be a good deal of entertaining and being entertained. Early in February these social ventures may entail journeys: during the latter half of the month it will probably be easier to see your friends in your own home.

Incidentally, many Sun-Librans will have a stroke of luck about home and domestic affairs in the middle of February. If house-hunting, suitable accommodation will probably be found. If already fairly comfortably settled, it should be possible to add to everybody's comfort or do a little redecorating.

The last week of February may be rather more hum-drum. Someone in your immediate circle falls out, possibly through sickness and extra work is piled on you. If an employer, a change-over amongst staff may prove irritating at first.

Most Sun-Librans like a "flutter" now and again and will probably do fairly well in this way in the early part of February. Round about the 13th or 14th and again on the 19th, it should be possible to make a little "on the side."

Personal relationships may be somewhat strained but should be definitely interesting this month. There will probably be a romantic interlude in even hum-drum marriages this month, while for heart-whole Sun-Librans there are some amusing experiences ahead. There may also be difficulties with a former sweetheart or an old friend who has some grievance against you.

Business outlook remains propitious on the whole, though it would be wise to keep clear of legal matters just now. The most propitious period for realising on assets or making good sales would be the week of the 10th to the 15th.



## Scorpio

(OCTOBER 24—NOVEMBER 22  
birthdays).



THE positions of the major planets are affecting Sun-Scorpio people rather curiously just now. On the one hand the presence of Jupiter in their Sun-sign is likely to be very propitious for business and finance—the more so because Jupiter is occulted by the Moon on the 13th of the month.

On the other hand Saturn on the Solar midheaven in opposition to Mars on the Nadir will result in a certain conflict between home affairs and outside interests.

Tension of this kind will probably be acute early in the month. It will become somewhat easier as the month progresses and the last week of February should be easy going. But a certain amount of bad feeling may remain if tempers are allowed to get out of control during the first few days of February.

There may be a certain amount of trouble about property affairs early in the month. If you are trying to sell a house or even to get vacant possession of one, there will be a good deal of trouble connected with the deal between the 1st and the 14th.

For the first fortnight of the month most Sun-Scorpios will be seriously engaged upon the business of earning a living. Towards the end of the month there will be more time for social amenities and amusement. The 22nd and 23rd in particular should bring lively times.

Married Sun-Scorpios may find that a rather curious relationship prevails with in-laws most of the month. The marriage partner's friends will be helpful both in business and personal affairs, but there is likely to be a certain amount of trouble with relatives by marriage. Many upsets of this kind would centre round the first six days of the month.

## Sagittarius

(NOVEMBER 23—  
DECEMBER 22 birthdays).



TO be born with the Sun in Sagittarius is, generally speaking, to be born lucky in money matters and lucky in love. Although at the moment Sagittarians' financial prospects are not quite as good as usual, the other part of the blessing remains true. Throughout February most Sun-Sagittarians will be agreeably stirred emotionally.

Thrills of this kind are probable round about the 1st and again in the middle of the month. The last week of February will probably bring family claims that put social life and amusement out of order for the time being. But the 6th, 11th, 13th and 16th will probably bring interesting developments.

Journeys are likely during the first three weeks of February and may have to be undertaken in something of a hurry. Family business may be one reason for them or a visit may be undertaken to an older relative, with a certain amount of contention as a result.

If on the move early in February, take precautions against chills, fatigue.

It will be an important month for correspondences and for anything that involves documents, leases or contracts. The 1st, 5th and 14th of the month seem to be important in this connection.

Although normally Sun-Sagittarians are frank, straightforward people, at present they are likely to be involved in mysteries whether they wish it or not. Certain money transactions will have to be kept dark. Also, secrecy has to be involved in a matter that concerns a close friend or relative.

## Next Month

In next month's issue you will read a fascinating article on Maeterlinck's outlook, a true ghost story by Algernon Blackwood, new instructions for making your own investigations into telepathy by James Leigh, and an analysis of the claims of Numerology as applied to famous men. These are a few only of the many new features which will appear exclusively in "Prediction" NEXT MONTH.

## Capricorn

(DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 20  
birthdays).



THE entry of Venus into your Sun-Sign on the 7th February is a decidedly fortunate portent. It means that for Sun-Capricornians life will be a little more colourful and easier than usual. For once you will not have to fight for all you want: people will come to you with generous offers and make themselves more agreeable than usual.

Nevertheless, it will not be an altogether tranquil month. Mars and the Sun are in the Second House of your Solar horoscope during most of the month and Mercury is with them until the 8th. As this section of the Solar horoscope is primarily concerned with finance and business, it looks as though there will be a few stormy developments early in February.

The position of Saturn in opposition to Mars early in the month is not particularly helpful. It may bring quite a bit of trouble about a long-standing debt or commitment. Alternatively, you may feel its effects in the general "bossiness" and obstructive attitude of older colleagues and relatives.

Most of these difficulties could be overcome by the use of a little good-will and skilful publicity. It is up to you to blow your own trumpet this month and not to let slights and criticism get by.

Socially, it will be most interesting period. Your friends will be in generous and sociable mood, particularly in the middle of the month. Hence you will be meeting more important and interesting people than usual and cutting something of a figure in your particular circle.

Towards the end of the month there is the possibility of journeys, probably about the 21st and 23rd. If you stay at home there will be a heavier post-bag than usual and probably visits from relatives.

## Aquarius

(JANUARY 21—FEBRUARY 19  
birthdays).



MOST Sun-Aquarians are full of enterprise and drive—often too much so for their own peace of mind. During February this urge to get on in the world, to make changes, to break down prejudices and opposition, will be particularly marked. Hence for many Sun-Aquarians this will be a somewhat stormy period.

Difficulties are likely to arise if the marriage partner or closest associate doesn't see eye to eye. Contention will probably be at its height in the early days of the month, and compromise or understanding of some kind reached before March. It would be well to remember, though, that there is a difference between obstinacy and firmness. Don't risk a happy existence by being too obdurate about details.

For unmarried Sun-Aquarians life may be a little more placid but not altogether comfortable. Here again trouble centres around the early days of February. It will be difficult to avoid an estrangement unless a good deal of tact is exercised between the 1st and 8th of the month.

From the financial angle it will be a fairly easy month, though there will be a certain number of business worries later in the month. However, the present position of Jupiter is all in favour of people born in the last days of January and the first three weeks of February.

Health should be rather better than of late, except perhaps about the 17th and 18th. This is probably because Sun-Aquarians like a hectic existence and thrive on controversy and hard work.

If you are bent upon a "flutter," the best time to indulge would be round about the 12th or the 23rd.



## Pisces

(FEBRUARY 20—MARCH 21  
birthdays).



THE planetary positions this month are not quite so favourable for Sun-Pisceans. There will be a feeling of frustration during much of February, probably until the Sun enters your zodiacal sign on the 20th of the month.

Also, Venus, which has been on the midheaven of your Solar horoscope, passes out of it on the 7th of the month into a position that promises well for social life and friendships, but not so fortunate for money making and business.

Hence it might be as well to follow a policy of safety first during most of the month, unless there are some very propitious indications at work in your own birth horoscope. If you have anything important on hand and feel it is imperative to get on with it, probably the most propitious time to take business risks, or to aim at high stakes, would be round about the 12th and 13th, and towards the 20th or 23rd.

Health may be a problem throughout February. Sun-Pisceans are not as a rule robust, although they have unusual powers of resilience and recuperation. Throughout most of this month there will be passing troubles from long-standing complaints, partly due to the season of the year. It is important to guard against undue fatigue and chills, particularly during the first few days of the month.

Married Sun-Pisceans will find themselves much involved in partner's or in-laws' affairs throughout February. There is some likelihood of benefit through introductions or business link-ups engineered by in-laws.

Unmarried Sun-Pisceans can look forward to an agreeable month of pleasant dalliance and amusement unmarred by quarrels or estrangements. There is, however, the likelihood that mischief-makers will be active round about the 19th.

Domestic affairs are likely to be rather unsettled, particularly at the beginning and end of February. It seems little use trying to postpone changes: it would be as well to face up to them within the next six weeks.

## THE YEAR AHEAD

### February Birthdays

1st. Year of change and variety, not always to your liking. More travel—many new contacts.

2nd. Better for business than personal affairs. Contention with women in your circle.

3rd. Unfounded worries main danger of year. Disregard rumour. Keep personal affairs as dispassionate as possible.

4th. Finances improve but responsibilities increase. Good year for speculation, especially if connected with property.

5th. Changes before the summer is over. Interesting times socially despite contention.

6th. Enjoyable but expensive year ahead. Unpropitious for speculation or extended travel.

7th. Unusual experiences for you this year. Inspiration and intuition at high level. Act on original ideas.

8th. Good for finances, not so good on the personal side. Choose friends of your own sex for greatest happiness.

9th. Possibility of legacy before Christmas. Business progress in fits and starts. See to important details yourself.

10th. Plenty of opportunities will come your way to make it a memorable year. Romance for the unattached.

11th. Urge to break away from present routine but restrictions of family or other sources keep you tied down. Good year for making new friendships or new schemes.

12th. Health will need carefully watching. Stay put if you possibly can. Use tact in any disputes that arise.

13th. Excellent year for making money—maybe a legacy too. Marriage of convenience quite probable if now single.

14th. Year of ups and downs—you will be feeling restless too. Strenuous effort well worth while.

15th. Be careful in all dealings with women this year. Not propitious for engagement or marriage.

16th. Vivid experiences but your bank balance will dwindle considerably. Unusual adventures.

17th. Unsettling but amusing year. Abounding energy. Possibility of important link-up before end of year.

18th. More money likely but personal affairs disappointing. Changes not advisable. New schemes successful.

19th. Opportunities ahead—don't miss them. More travel but it may bring disillusionment.

20th. You will need every ounce of energy to survive the coming year. Strenuous times ahead but all should end well.

21st. New phase of life begins this year. Propitious for travel. New link-ups that will be important in future.

22nd. Make a complete break from existing routine. New ventures promise well. Marriage likely if now under 30.

23rd. Co-operation from elderly person is means of more luck than for some time. Old friendships revived.

24th. Puzzling year ahead. Finances fairly good but don't speculate. Business progress erratic.

25th. Worry through older members of family. Break with former link-ups would benefit you eventually.

26th. If you are willing to take risks, the coming year could be turned to profit. Abounding energy. Act forcefully.

27th. Somewhat chaotic year—patches of contentment alternate with times of conflict. Old friends more helpful than new acquaintances. Youngsters bring happiness.

28th. Excellent year for the artist or creative worker. Odd experiences likely and some complications in personal affairs. R.H.N.

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# Readers' Forum

I CAN give Dr. Wratten the scientific explanation of the phenomena of youthful prodigies, with a personal experience of my own, which confirms my investigations of the subject.

Every living soul born to this earth, is an instrument for the reception of etheric thought rays. The brain of a musical prodigy is such that it is sensitive to contact a twin vibration of music in the etheric.

My wife was an expert musician at the age of five, and was also a youthful artist of merit, owing to her psychic power of consciously contacting the etheric thought vibration, and this has recently been proved to the world by her musical composition of the Pavinoff ballet, *Le Siecle*. Having heard her music in another ballet, Pavinoff asked if she would compose the music for a theme he had in mind, and when he called at our home to discuss the matter, she noted the various episodes of the story, and immediately went to the piano, and played the music from beginning to end!

(Sir) JOHN ANDERSON (Bart.).

WITH reference to "I follow my star," by Charles Graves (PREDICTION, December), Dr. David, the Bishop of Liverpool surely overlooked St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 9, verses 24 to 28.

Note particularly verse 27, "And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment." Note—no reincarnation.

Read also I Corinthians, verses 35 to 58: a glorious explanation how we shall shed our earthly bodies and continue "raised in power" in an incorruptible spiritual body.

Birmingham.

G. D. MASSON, M.P.S.

CHARLES GRAVES (PREDICTION, December) quotes an astrologer's statement that the approximate date of one's previous life can be discovered by finding when the planets were in the same conjunction as at birth.

If a man's last incarnation occurred two or three thousand years ago, where and what was he in the interval? Further, taking my own case as an example, I was born with Moon and Saturn in close conjunction—an aspect which is not particularly conducive to a life of unbroken felicity. Have I, then, been invariably born and re-born under Moon-conjunction-Saturn? If so, why the honour?—I would willingly share it with anyone! And must I be for ever re-born under the same planetary influence?

Perth.

LOUIS MACLEOD.

W. J. FARMER is entitled, if he has really studied it (of which his letter gives no sign), to say that he finds the evidence for Reincarnation unconvincing; but to say that there "is not a scrap" is just nonsense. One would like to know what evidence he has that there are "endless places where we can acquire all the experiences needed." It seems far more probable that some of life's lessons must be learned in a physical body on this earth.

There is in Reincarnation no question of "ousting the lawful tenant" of the womb: the re-incarnating soul is the lawful tenant, or he would not be there.

Nor does the truth or falsity of a doctrine depend in the smallest degree on whether it is attractive. Whether people do return, is quite independent of whether they "would gladly" return. Very few people "would gladly" go to prison; but quite a number go there! (And some return many times.)

How often Hitler was reincarnated, neither I nor anyone else can say, but one would doubt the possibility of reaching that pitch of wickedness in one life-time.

London, W.2.

J. W. HALL.

Don't forget to take part in the Telepathy Test on February 7th. (See page 270)

WHY should anyone need to return to this life? asks Mr. W. J. Farmer.

If a child at school spoils his composition by numerous mistakes the teacher tells him to start afresh on a new page; while the old page is torn out and destroyed.

So it is with each of our lives; God tears the old page out, and bids us to start on a clean sheet.

F. H. NORGATE.

MR. FARMER may consider himself a student of occult science and metaphysics, yet every question he asks demonstrates the extent of his ignorance.

When he asks: "Who that has lived on this earth would gladly return to its trials?" he reveals that his decision to reject reincarnation is based on emotional feeling, not on reasoned investigation. I am sure he would ultimately feel much better if, instead of making up reasons to justify turning his back on reincarnation, he began a serious, impartial investigation.

Birmingham.

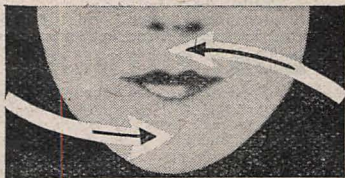
ROGER WALKER.

JOHN A. PEACOCK (PREDICTION, December) suggests the world is not really complete but still in the making, and thinks the Bible symbolizes what is going to happen in the course of countless years to come.

The Bible symbolizes the everlasting unfoldment of higher and higher views of creation in each individual, and in this sense the world is still truly "in the making." Creation is complete *now*. But awareness is still incomplete.

Jersey.

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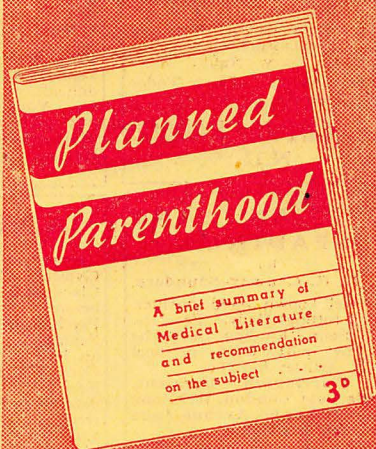
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